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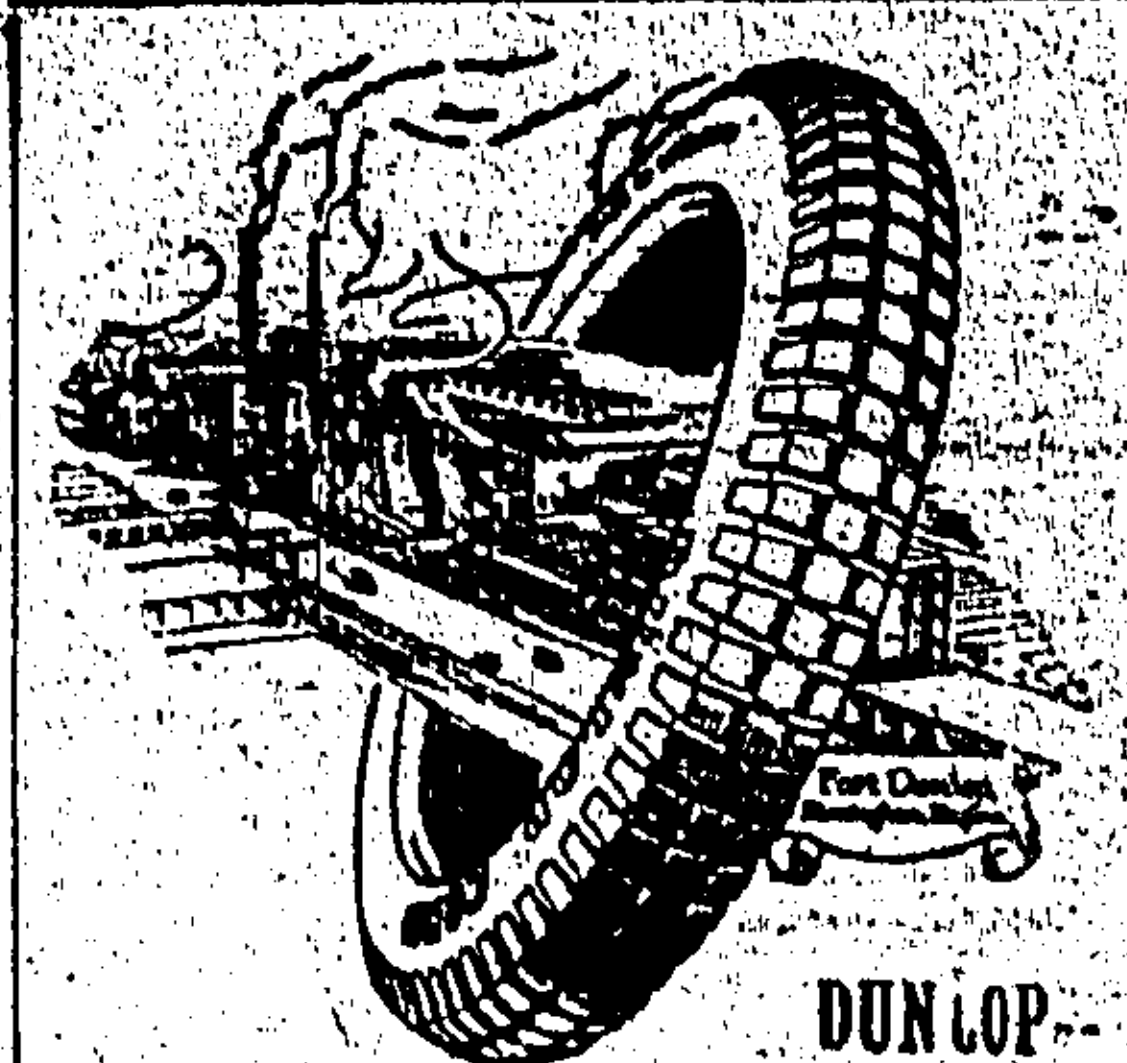
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EFFECT OF FALL IN THE DOLLAR.

DETRIMENTAL TO IMPORT TRADE OF COLONY.

INTERESTING OPINIONS BY BIG LOCAL FIRMS.

RECENT QUESTIONNAIRE.

The T/T sterling rate of the dollar appreciated an eighth to 1/65d. in the Colony, in sympathy with a slight improvement in the price of spot silver on the London bullion market. It is interesting to note that the dollar is quoted at 1/7½d. in London.

In view of the very wide interest publicly taken in the currency issue and the Colony's trade prospects in present circumstances, the *Telegraph* has circulated the Colony's leading import and export firms, seeking their views on the following questions:

(1) What is the effect of the low dollar on the Colony's imports?

(2) Assuming the Import trade to be adversely affected, would the disadvantage be offset by increased exports?

(3) Would the Colony's best interests be served by a stabilized dollar, and if so, how could stabilisation be achieved?

(4) Do you consider the situation warrants the appointment by the Government of an expert to advise on this problem?

Appended are a number of replies already received and the *Telegraph* hopes to be able to give further replies in the next day or two.

CONTROLLING INFLUENCE.

A prominent German firm writes expressing appreciation at the opportunity afforded of expressing their views on the present exchange position, and replying to the questionnaire as follows:

(1) Whilst new import orders are practically impossible if based on the present quotations, deliveries should improve in the near future, as all orders given during the previous months by the Chinese dealers should leave them a fair profit. Though we believe that after March fair orders will be given, the European piecegoods business especially will be strongly hit, as Japanese factories and merchants are doing all they can to use this opportunity to enlarge their business and to substitute European "chops" by Japanese ones.

China's Influence.

(2) China's export trade will undoubtedly gain, but as most of South China's export business is being done in Canton, this Colony's loss in import trade will probably not be offset by a sufficient gain in export.

(3) As the reason for the present difficult situation is not the drop of the Hongkong dollar, but of silver in general and the subsequent loss of China's buying power, our opinion is that a stabilisation of the Hongkong dollar could not much improve the Colony's import trade.

British Viewpoint.

A leading British firm says: In reply to your letter of January 9, inviting our views on the points raised therein with reference to the low gold value of the Hongkong dollar and its likely effects on the trade of the Colony, we submit the following replies to your questionnaire.

(1) A low dollar increases the cost of imported articles, and it is fair to assume that, for a period at least, the tendency will be for a curtailment in the volume of imports. On the other hand, it must be borne in mind that the majority of articles imported into China for consumption in the country, are not manufactured in the country, so that its needs of these commodities must continue, and at some period or other a return to normal trading must be experienced.

Purchasing Power.

(2) It is tolerably certain that the dollar settles at a low level, and will be stimulated, reflecting

ing a larger volume of business, but whether such increased exports will compensate for the disadvantage on imports is a moot point, and one on which no one can forecast with any degree of certainty. It is, however, a safe assumption that the larger the exports the greater would be the purchasing power of the country.

(3) Hongkong being a distributing centre for South China, stabilisation of the dollar will only be possible if China first adopts such a measure.

Supply and Demand.

(4) If the issue is confined to the value of silver vis-a-vis the dollar, as we believe it is, the situation does not warrant the appointment of an expert to advise on the problem. On the other hand if the Hongkong dollar divorces itself from its silver purity and is kept at a level higher or lower than its real value, there would be scope for the appointment of an expert to inquire into the situation. There is no problem for Hongkong to solve if the world's price of silver declines; this is obviously an outcome of the laws of supply and demand.

Abnormal and Sudden.

The *taipan* of a very old-established British import and export firm, says:—

(1) Because the fall in the dollar has been abnormal and sudden, it is having a very detrimental effect on the import trade of the Colony.

(2) It is possible that the disadvantage may be offset by increased exports.

(3) The Colony's best interests would be served by a stabilised dollar but nothing could be done in this direction unless China stabilises her currency.

(4) At the present time, I do not consider that the appointment of a financial expert to study the Colony's currency problem is necessary or desirable.

To the Good in the End.

A well-known local financier, answering our questionnaire, says:—

(1) Naturally, the low dollar is at present having a very serious effect on the Colony's import trade, though when prices have adjusted themselves, things should gradually improve. Not for some time, however, can any appreciable improvement be expected.

(2) The Colony's export trade should pick up, shortly, and will be stimulated, reflecting

CHINA AND SILVER SLUMP.

GOVERNMENT NOT TO INTERFERE.

SHANGHAI DEALERS GOING BACK ON CONTRACTS.

DEMAND REDUCTIONS.

Shanghai, Jan. 13.

Mr. T. V. Soong, the Nationalist Minister of Finance, in the course of an interview, stated that the Government does not intend to interfere with the free market of silver.

He added that taxation would be worse than useless, and that peace and order and the restoration of industry represented the only effective cure.

Meanwhile, Chinese piecegoods dealers here in Shanghai are being severely hit by the decline of the tael. The majority have refused to take delivery without a reduction in prices. The situation is grave, inasmuch as 10,000 cases of woollens are due for delivery by the end of the month.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Black Shanghai Outlook.

Shanghai, Jan. 8.

Possible widespread business failures in virtually every class of commercial undertaking, including banks and importing and exporting concerns, were reported by Chinese banking circles this afternoon when the Mex. dollar reached the low level of 34.7 cents gold.

The money crisis is due to the depreciation of silver, which depreciation has been steadily increasing for the past year but which has undergone a startling acceleration for the past month. The situation seems destined to become even more acute.

Export Trade Paralyzed.

Chinese financiers stated to-day that as a result of this situation, import and export trade is paralyzed, "which, if it continues," is bound to result in wholesale failures.

It was further stated that domestic trade is at a standstill as a result of years of civil wars which have rendered the rural population unproductive and unable to maintain its usual purchasing power. This has led to an accumulation of goods in Shanghai together with huge stocks of silver which normally go into the interior to pay the farmers for their products.

\$200,000,000 Coming.

Chinese bankers stated that the silver in Shanghai totals 600,000,000 Mex. dollars, while an additional \$200,000,000 is en route to China and is due to arrive before February 1, which will add to the untenable situation.

Meanwhile, prices have begun an ascent and are expected to gain acceleration rapidly, while wage scales are not following a similar movement. The outcome of the situation is not apparent yet.

Price Raising.

The cost of living in China, dependent in many ways upon imports, must increase immediately, and local firms have already commenced to raise their prices.

This in turn will cause demands for higher salaries and wages, and it is fairly obvious that most people in Shanghai will have to tighten their belts up another notch or so. On the other hand exporters will now have their chance.

China, unfortunately, is not yet in the position where she could take full advantage of such an opportunity, as there are few mills and factories compared with the country's potentialities, but those that are already operating will no doubt make good use of the low silver rate.

FINE TO CLOUDY.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has weakened and is now central over the Yellow Sea. Fresh monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, fresh, fine to cloudy.

ANTI-SOVIET PLOT ALLEGATIONS.

COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER'S STRANGE STORY.

ATTACK FROM PERSIA!

Berlin, Jan. 12.

Further extraordinary allegations against certain high German military officers and others in connection with the alleged plot to overthrow the Soviet Government, "disclosed" by a prisoner in a note forger trial, are made by the Communist newspaper *Rotefahne*.

The journal alleges that General von Kressenstein, an intimate friend of the Minister of Defence, General Groener, arranged the first meeting between Karimidze, a former member of the Georgian Parliament, who is the principle accused, and the late General Hoffman.

A number of conferences, the paper declares, were held at German headquarters in the Caucasus, at which the British General who in 1919 commanded the British troops that took over the occupation of Georgia from the Germans was present, and at which von Kressenstein's Chief of Staff drew up plans for a revolt in the Caucasus against Russia, Karimidze supplying the necessary information.

The German officers, the Communist paper finally alleges, rejected "the British idea" of an attack on the Soviets from Persia, proposing instead an attack from Turkey.—*Reuter.*

A JEWISH PEACE LEAGUE.

SUGGESTED ANNUAL TAX ON JEWS.

Berlin, Jan. 12.

A new "Jewish Peace League" was inaugurated at a big public meeting held here, presided over by Dr. Wassermann, Director of the Deutsche Bank.

The speakers included Dr. Leon Feuchtwanger, the author of "Jew Sues." Dr. Albert Einstein sent a message to the meeting declaring that Jews should head the peace movement and proposing that every Jew should pay an annual peace tax of one mark.—*Reuter.*

DOCK COMPANY FIRE IN SHANGHAI.

OFFICES AND MESS BURNED OUT YESTERDAY.

Shanghai, Jan. 13.

Fire has destroyed the offices and mess of the Dock Company at Pootung.

Five foreigners, including one who has just returned from Home leave, lost their entire belongings, including furniture purchased in England.

The Brigade had a terrific tussle with the flames and a Chinese fireman was injured.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

THE PEAK SHOOTING TRAGEDY.

INQUEST TO BE OPENED ON WEDNESDAY.

The *Telegraph* has been informed by Mr. W. J. Hamilton, the Coroner, that the enquiry into the circumstances surrounding the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. C. Burnett, will be held on Wednesday afternoon in this week at 2.15 p.m.

FOOCHOW TROUBLE.

SITUATION NOW UNDER CONTROL.

Foochow, Jan. 13.

Admiral Yang Shu-chung, the Civil Governor of Fuchien, is now in control of the situation, following last week's coup d'état.

Attempts at demonstration have been suppressed. General Lu Hsin-pai's few troops from Yenching arrived, but have now returned.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE SHIP BEACHED.

RUN ASHORE TO-DAY AT JUNK BAY.

BADLY BATTERED ON TRIP FROM KEELUNG.

BROUGHT INTO PORT.

As a result of a terrible voyage in severe gales from Keelung, the Japanese steamer Kohatsu Maru, had to be beached in Junk Bay in the early hours of this morning in order to prevent her sinking and becoming a total loss.

Leaving Keelung on the morning of January 9, the Kohatsu Maru encountered bad weather practically from the start of an eventful voyage.

Heavy winds and mountainous seas were experienced before she was many miles out, and the ship had a continuous struggle to remain afloat.

At last the constant battling with the elements caused the Kohatsu Maru to strain herself, after which she faced further bad weather in a semi-crippled state.

Commenced Leaking.

Soon afterwards, the ship developed a leak, and water commenced to flow into the engine room, rising to a height of four feet. Captain Sone, the commander of the Kohatsu Maru, then ordered distress signals to be sent out, and it was realised that unless aid came quickly, the ship would have to be abandoned.

For some reason, however, probably owing to a larger station accidentally "jamming" the Kohatsu Maru's less powerful installation, the messages were not received, and the ship had to continue to fight the elements unaided.

Captain Sone then decided that although he was quite close to Hongkong, the chances of his getting his vessel safely into the harbour were small indeed. Accordingly he made for Junk Bay, where the soft mud of the fore-shore was suitable for beaching the craft.

Vessel Beached.

Shortly before 2 a.m., to-day, the commander ran the ship ashore, and further messages for aid were sent out. In the meantime, however, messages received in Keelung from the steamer were relayed to Hongkong, and the full seriousness of the position was realised.

Immediately they received the news, the Taikoo Dock despatched the tug Talook to the aid of the Kohatsu Maru, and effected sufficient repairs to allow her to be brought safely to port. Later, the Kowloon Dock tug, Henry Keewick, went out and towed the ship to harbour.

Messrs. Wada and Co., are the Hongkong agents for the Kohatsu Maru, which is a vessel of 2,800 tons net. She carries a crew of 40, with five Japanese officers, but has no provision for passengers.

On her last voyage she was carrying coal and general cargo.

The ship is now lying in Kowloon Bay, prior to being taken to dock.

ILLNESS OF THE REV. F. C. YOUNG.

RATHER MORE ENCOURAGING BULLETIN.

On enquiry at the Matilda Hospital to-day we learned that the Rev. F. C. Young, minister of Union Church, had passed a better night and was this morning "better than might be expected."

Mr. Young was removed to hospital on Thursday suffering from pneumonia, and his condition on Saturday night was so serious that it was found necessary to administer oxygen.

His numerous friends in the Colony will join us in hoping that he will soon pass the crisis and eventually be restored to good health.

THE BRITISH NAVAL OUTLOOK.

LONG REPLY TO FRENCH MEMORANDUM.

MISAPPREHENSION REGARDING ADMIRALTY PLANS.

TRUST IN PEACE PACT.

"It would not conduce to the success of the Naval Conference if the various Governments entrenched themselves in positions—based, perhaps, on misunderstandings—from which they could not recede," says the British Government in a Note of Reply to the recent French Naval Memorandum.

The Note says that unless a beginning in naval reduction is held to be justified by the measure of security already afforded by the many treaties concluded since the war, the public will be disappointed and the tendency towards the expansion of arms, which is only too evident already, will develop and nations will again seek security in military preparations.

The British Government is prepared to exchange views with the Mediterranean Powers on the subject of the non-aggression treaty proposed by France.

COMPREHENSIVE ELUCIDATION.

London, Jan. 13.

The British Government, in its Reply to the French Memorandum of December 20th on the Naval Conference, expresses appreciation of the frank and friendly attitude of the French Government in furnishing so comprehensive an elucidation of their point of view, and in reiterating their assurance that they are determined to make the conference successful.

"In issuing their invitation to the London Conference," the Reply continues, "the British Government considered it would not conduce to the success of the conference if the various Governments were to entrench themselves, before the conference opened, in positions—based, perhaps, on misunderstandings—from which they could not recede, nor in the invitation did the British Government refer to the obligations contracted under the Covenant or to questions of national security and such considerations, because they are clearly inherent in all disarmament negotiations and must be in the mind of every nation taking part in the conference.

Elementary Obligations.

"One of the great advantages of the frequent meetings at Geneva is that the Governments have opportunities to understand each other's respective positions and problems, and His Majesty's Government felt that it was unnecessary to recite elementary obligations, internal and external, but rather to concentrate upon the supremely important problems which have to be faced.

"The considerations set out in such a friendly spirit in the French Memorandum, will, of course, be in the minds of all the delegates.

"It is true that there may not yet have been devised complete machinery of sanctions to enforce the various peace agreements now in existence, but, in the meantime, much has been done, and His Majesty's Government place considerable trust in the fact that 56 countries have declared their intention to renounce war as an instrument of national policy and to resort only to pacific means for the settlement of international disputes.

Beginning Justified.

"Unless a beginning in the reduction of naval armaments is held to be justified by the measure of security already achieved through the Covenant of the League of Nations, the Quadruple Treaty relating to the Pacific, the Optional Clause of the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice by 33 countries, and finally the Treaty for the Renunciation of War, public expectation will be disappointed, the tendency towards the expansion in arms, which is only too evident already, will develop and

nations will be taught once more in practice to trust only to military preparations for their security.

"His Majesty's Government earnestly hope that the nations attending the London Conference may by an agreement on reduced naval armaments, register their confidence in the great advance made since the war in the provision of national security by political agreement.

French Distinction.

"His Majesty's Government observe, with interest, the distinction drawn in the French memorandum between the Pact of Paris and the Covenant of the League.

"They would suggest, however, that the two documents may also be regarded as complementary ones of the another.

"From this standpoint, the Pact of Paris, by its renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy, may be held by the States which are members of the League of Nations to leave a completed structure of peace, which the more restricted language of the Covenant had, for a time, left unfinished.

A Misunderstanding.

"His Majesty's Government note the suggestion of the French Government that it is doubtless due to the absence from the Kellogg Pact of any provisions for its methodical application that they have been deterred from contemplating any considerable reduction in their naval establishment.

"His Majesty's Government desire to remove the error upon which this observation rests.

"In response to the better prospects of peace and of international agreement, the British proposals, as a matter of fact, provide for a very considerable reduction in the strength which the British Empire has considered necessary in all categories of combatant vessels from capital ships to submarines.

Limitation Methods.

Regarding the reference in the French memorandum to the system of the limitation of naval armaments by global tonnage, the Reply states that the British Government have consistently expressed their preference for dealing with the problem of naval disarmament by the strict limitation of types, tonnages, and guns of all categories of warships, since they feel confident that any other method of limitation must tend to preserve those elements of competition which are already in evidence.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Fall of the Dollar.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I should not have thought it possible that so many editorials and interviews with anonymous "authorities" could have exhibited such a complete lack of comprehension of fundamental facts as has come to light on this subject.

One authority, who granted a long interview, implied that if the Hongkong dollar had been fixed at about 2/-, we should, by our geographic position, have had a sentimental effect on Shanghai and prevented the drop in silver. It is hardly necessary to dwell upon the absurdity of such a view. Most of the commentators seem obsessed with the idea that if it were not for some imaginary conspiracy, we in Hongkong would really be backing in prosperity, with a 2/- dollar, and surveying with alacrity the fate of China's silver currency. One of their complaints is that the banks should never have put us back on a silver basis.

Their arguments and comments overlook the fact that this Colony has always been on a silver basis. Our Hongkong dollar is a silver dollar, and our banknotes promise to pay only silver dollars. Yet a lot of energy is expended in arguing about the benefits of being on a "note basis". What is meant by this? What backing is suggested for these notes.

Every reliable currency is backed either by gold or silver. Ours is based on silver, and we cannot blink our eyes to the fact. Any attempt to evade this and maintain our dollar at an artificial level can only bring into play an additional element of uncertainty to hamper our trade still more. It is bad enough to contend with the vagaries of silver, without introducing a further speculative factor in having a fluctuating premium on notes which bears no relation to their silver backing.

Hongkong has very little influence on the price of silver, and was powerless to prevent the recent slump. The slump is serious, and Hongkong and Shanghai are equally hard hit by it. We are all grumbling, but whereas the Shanghai people recognise that the fall is due solely to economic causes, the Hongkong sufferers who have so far given vent to their feelings in the Press, seem bent upon finding a scapegoat. In the course of so doing a great deal of nonsense has been published. Elaborate arguments have been built up on false premises, not only by writers, who admit that they are only speaking as laymen, but by "experts" who do not appear to have acquired much grasp of the realities of the situation.

Some argue as if we have only been on a silver basis for the past three months, others demand a gold basis with the dollar fixed at 1/9, 1/10 or 2/-, under the delusion that this will give us an immense advantage over Shanghai in our trade dealings with China. Can it be believed that if we were miraculously to transform our system into a gold basis at this very moment, with the dollar, say, at 1/10, our trade with South China would be on any better footing than it actually is? Would the mainland, with its depreciated silver currency, be in any better position to buy goods from us? Obviously it would not. Great Britain with its gold basis cannot sell its goods to China at the moment; is it reasonable to suppose that Hongkong with a gold basis would be in any better case? Critics are apt to forget that Hongkong is practically a depot, and for trade purposes, we and South China are as one entity.

I do not wish these remarks to be construed as "an attempt to justify a low dollar," or as showing no sympathy with the wage-earner, whose purchasing power has been reduced by the drop in exchange (most of us are "in the same boat" in that respect). This is outside the province of my argument, which is that we must face the fact that we are on a silver basis, that

CHILDREN'S PARTY.

TREAT FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMBERS.

Happiness reigned at the Union Church Sunday School room on Saturday afternoon, when the members of the Sunday School were entertained to a New Year's party by the teachers and others. It was also intended that the function should serve as a farewell party to the scholars who will shortly be leaving the Colony, and as several parents were present, the affair proved a great success from all points of view.

The school hall was decorated, with gay lighting effects by Private Barber, R.A.M.C., and after a series of games, tea was enjoyed, during which musical selections were rendered by a band composed of Cpl. Buggie, R.A.M.C., Private Barber and L/C. Lorkina, R.A.S.C. The chief attraction, however, was the Jack-in-the-box, cleverly personified by Pte. Barber, who caused much amusement among the children as he presented each with a small gift. A bran tub proved another remunerative "investment," and helped to make the treat one of the most successful entertainments in the history of the school.

The success of the function was due in no small measure to the excellent organisation and supervision of Mr. Jack Spooner, who enjoyed the ready and helpful co-operation of Messrs. H. J. Evans and E. Himsforth. The catering was carried out with characteristic efficiency by Mr. H. J. Burnett.

COAL CONFERENCES.

BRITAIN AND POLAND IN AGREEMENT.

London, Jan. 11.

After a two days' conference in London between the representatives of the Polish Coal-owners' Association and the Central Coal-owners' Association, an agreement was reached last night, and the heads of the agreement were signed for measures to prevent competition and to secure a fair and reasonable level of prices for coal exports to Scandinavian and Baltic ports.—British Wireless Service.

Geneva, Jan. 11.

The coal conference, sitting here and consisting of representatives of nine principal European coal-producing countries, has decided an important point submitted by the International Labour Office.

This is to the effect that a miner's shift starts from the moment of entering the cage and ends with his exit from the same. The new rule will also apply in cases where miners enter and leave a mine by means of galleries.—Reuter.

R. A. M. C. MAN SUCCUMBS.

DEATH FROM CEREBRO SPINAL FEVER.

The death is announced of Pte. Williams, 27th Company, R.A.M.C., who died at the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, from cerebro spinal fever, on Saturday.

Pte. Williams was buried with full military honours at Happy Valley Cemetery on the same day. A firing party was in attendance, and the cortege was preceded by the band of the 2nd K.O.S.B.

The dead soldier was extremely popular amongst his comrades, and his death came as a great shock to the men of the garrison. He only recently arrived in the Colony, having been transferred from Shanghai in November last.

at no time have the banks been under an obligation to pay other than silver against their notes, and that all suggestions as to our dollar being maintained at 2/-, or 1/10, when it is worth but 1/6 1/2, are not only foolish but futile.

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At the reception after the wedding in Shanghai of Miss Nanna Cass, who had just arrived from Berlin, and Mr. F. Mueller-Funk, of the Foochow Branch of the Deutsche Stichtoff Handels-gesellschaft.



A glimpse of the youthful performers at the Shanghai Public School for Girls, who gave the "Pirates of Penzance" recently. Proceeds will go to the Ministering Children's League.



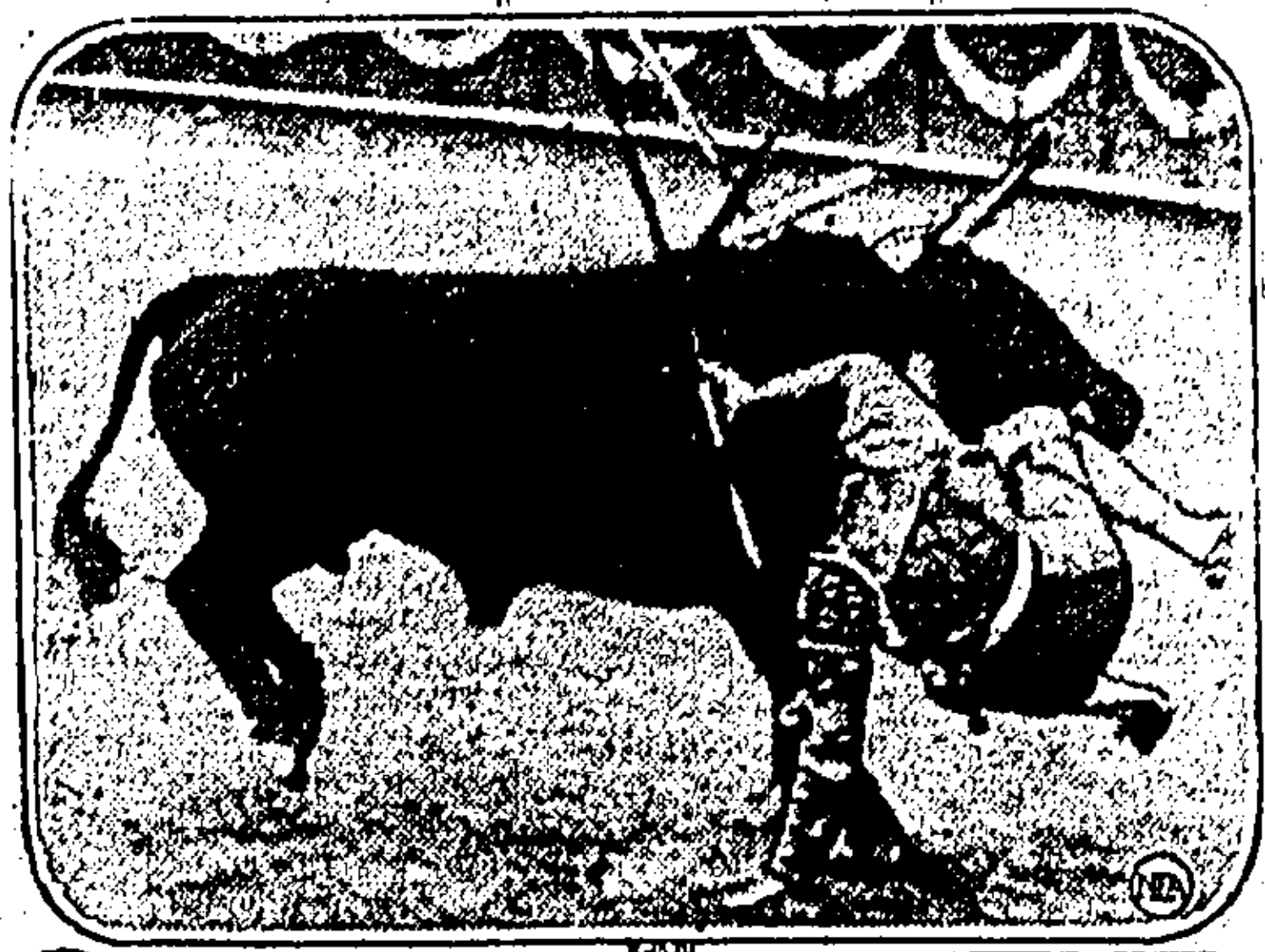
Daughter of the Countess of Cathcart, who was denied admission into the United States on grounds of "moral turpitude," Dolores de Grey Warier is pictured above in London with her fiancé, Theodore Medlam, shortly after their engagement was announced.



M. Andre Tardieu, new French Premier, who caused a temporary buzz at the Hague Conference.



Our picture shows the presentation of a gift from Pope Pius XI to Mexican Catholics recently, emblematic of the satisfaction felt in the Vatican at the settlement of the religious strife in Mexico.



An exciting incident in a recent bull-fight in Madrid. The matador, the famous Pedro Chleuele, was caught on the horns of the infuriated bull, but escaped death, thanks to his armour.



A merry bunch of youngsters at a recent Christmas party.



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RIFLE SHOOTING

A meeting of all interested in Rifle Shooting will be held at VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS on Wednesday, 15th January, 1930 at 5.30 p.m.

for the purpose of reviving THE HONGKONG RIFLE LEAGUE, particularly with a view to entering for the Interport Shoot.

BUSINESS.

Passing of Accounts, Election of Officers, Programme for 1930.

R. WYLIE, Chairman (pro tem.)

January 9th, 1930.

NOTICE.

The undermentioned cargo has been lying at Messrs. The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd.'s Godowns undelivered and unless delivery is taken or claimed on or before 18th January, 1930 consignee and/or others interested in the cargo are hereby notified that same will be sold by Public Auction to defray storage and other charges due.

Bill of Lading	Marks & Nos	Description of cargo	ex s.s.
Antwerp No. 1	Kwangsi Cement	3,600 barrels cement	"Benmohr" 4/6/29
Antwerp No. 14	Kwangsi Cement	342 bales Sheets & Galv'd	"Benrackle" 4/7/29.
	Cement Factory	21 Crates Sheets & Acces.	
		6 Crates Steel Sheets	
		19 cases Bolts Nuts & Washers	

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents: The Ben Line Steamers, Ltd.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1930.

NOTICE

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Bill of Lading	Mark & Numbers	Description of cargo	ex S.S.
Antwerp No. 1	W	10 Cases Window Glass	"City of Tokio" arrived 16.7.29
No. 2	"	2 " " "	"
No. 3	"	9 pkgs. Diamonded Trucks	do
No. 4	"	4 " " "	do
		White 3240 Pieces Rails	do
		102 Bundles Fish Plate	do
		3 Cases Clamps	do
		24 B g. Bolts	do

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th January, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 3rd February, or they will not be recognized.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1930.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Reminder.

ENTRIES CLOSE NEXT.

SATURDAY, 18th January.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Annual Race Meeting.

22nd, 24th, 25th, 26th February & 1st March, 1930.

Draft Programmes and Entry Form are now ready and may be obtained upon application to the Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1930.

HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

Members are notified that Booking for the Dinner-dance to be held at the Peninsula Hotel on 17th January, is now open at the office in the main entrance of the Hong Kong Hotel, where they may purchase their tickets and reserve seats.

C. P. MARCEL, Hon. Secretary.

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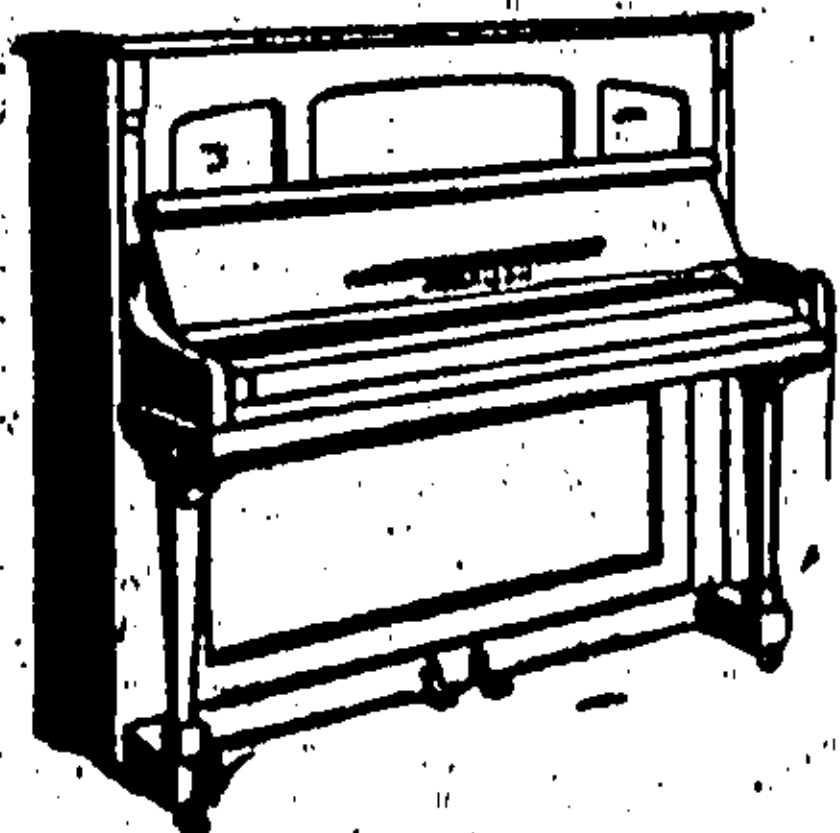
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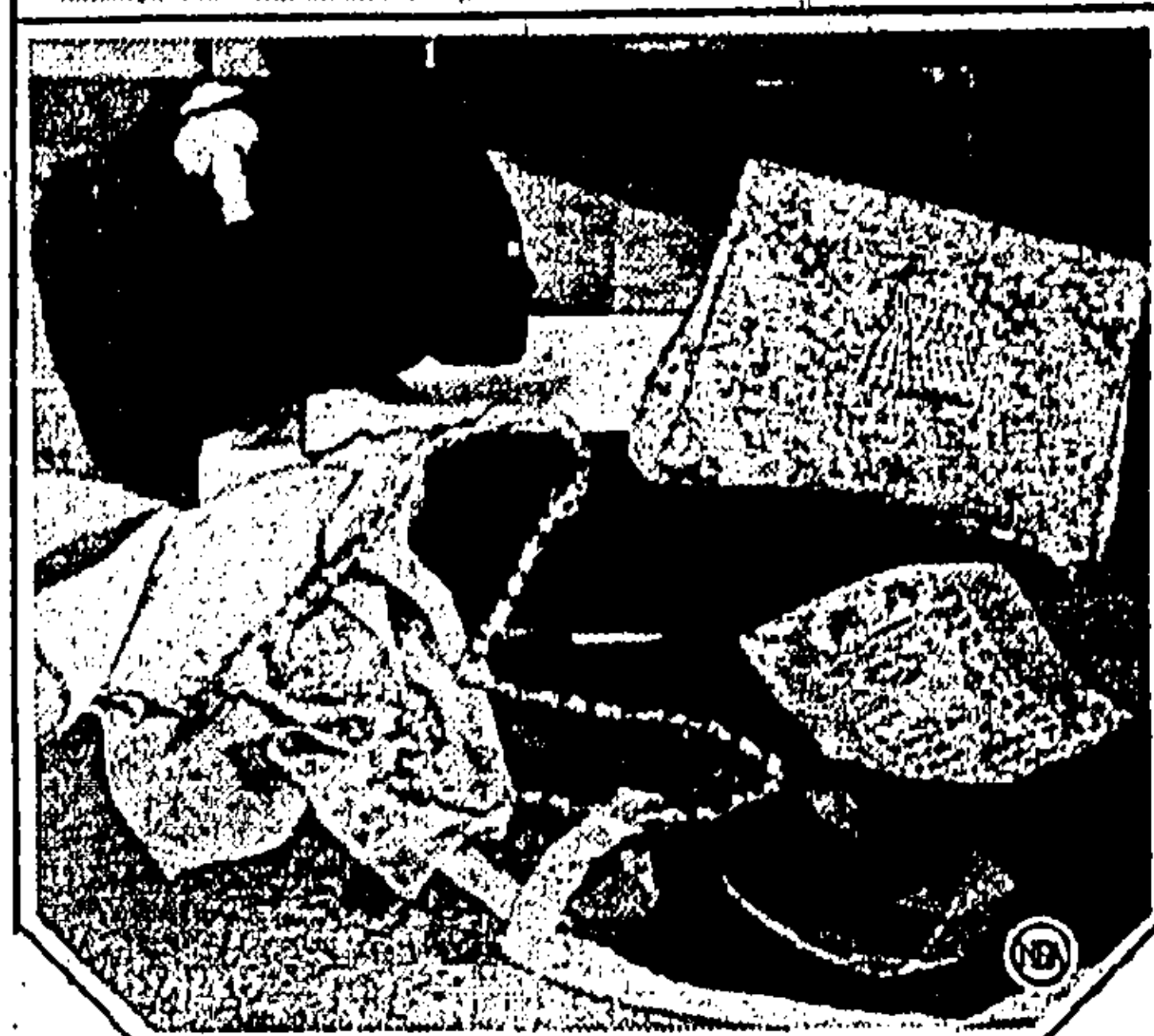
When the blood is pure and strong malarial germs cannot gain a grip therein. If malaria is present the way to permanently expel it is by building up the blood, thus enabling it to overcome and destroy the malarial parasites. It is because they do exactly this—purify the blood, strengthen the blood, make new, rich, red blood at every dose—that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are famed in every country where malaria exists.

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WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.



New accessories are feminine and lovely. Above: Reboux makes a beret and scarf set of light blue and brown velvet. Below: For formal daytime, a black-purse has a white jade and jewelled flower pot and plant decoration. For evening a broadcase bag has a tassel of pearls. The gold yellow evening handkerchief of chiffon has real lace insets in the corners. A black chiffon evening handkerchief from Europe is edged with white and decorated with a coat of arms in lace. The new crystal necklace has rondells of rhinestone.

New York.—In the new feminine mode, the importance of accessories stress the truth in that old saying, "It is the little things that count."

Certain it is that women must be more than careful in their choice of accessories this winter. For with the advent of more femininity, dressier touches are in vogue, and unless these are restrained and in good taste they can utterly destroy that well-groomed, correct look that women desire.

Costume jewellery is greatly in vogue and one of the worst pitfalls, for some of it is so cheap and vulgar-looking that no woman should wear it. Other pieces, however, are conservatively designed, made of good materials and colour and are pleasantly decorative to one's costume.

Necklaces tend to be much more graceful than last year. By this I mean that, instead of heavy ropes of pearls or other beads, the

newer necklaces have a fine strand of delicate metal, crystal or rhinestone circling the back of the neck, with two, three or four pearl strands swaying from the front. The pearl-necklaces invariably has some brilliant, cut rubies and emeralds, and often a handsome pendant of diamonds and pearls. Some new pearl necklaces incorporate into the sides of their strands, heirloom earrings set flat in a link, or used as a pendant an antique brooch of carved gold.

Necklaces in the Feminine Mode, Too.

Necklaces for daytime are shorter and for night wear longer than before. The in-between necklace is not so good. The best of the costume jewellery has fine workmanship and is delicate and feminine rather than bizarre and modern.

Purses provide plentifully for various occasions. Leather and fabric morning purses are apt to be oblong, medium sized or even

large shapes, with handbags as popular as envelopes. For afternoon, they appear in soft suedes, brocades and fine fabrics, smaller, often narrow across and long up and down of round, octagonal or other unusual shapes. They have fine fastenings, monograms in brilliant being a good choice, and some are decorated with real jewels. Evening purses are brilliant, scintillating pastel coloured and gold or silver confections, lined with gorgeous moire, many fitted with handsome evening compacts and perfume bottles.

One black velvet evening bag has a decorative urn of white jade filled with flowers made of imitation diamonds and pearls. Another evening bag of singular loveliness is a brocade of old Persian print combining rose, silver and green, with a tassel of pearls.

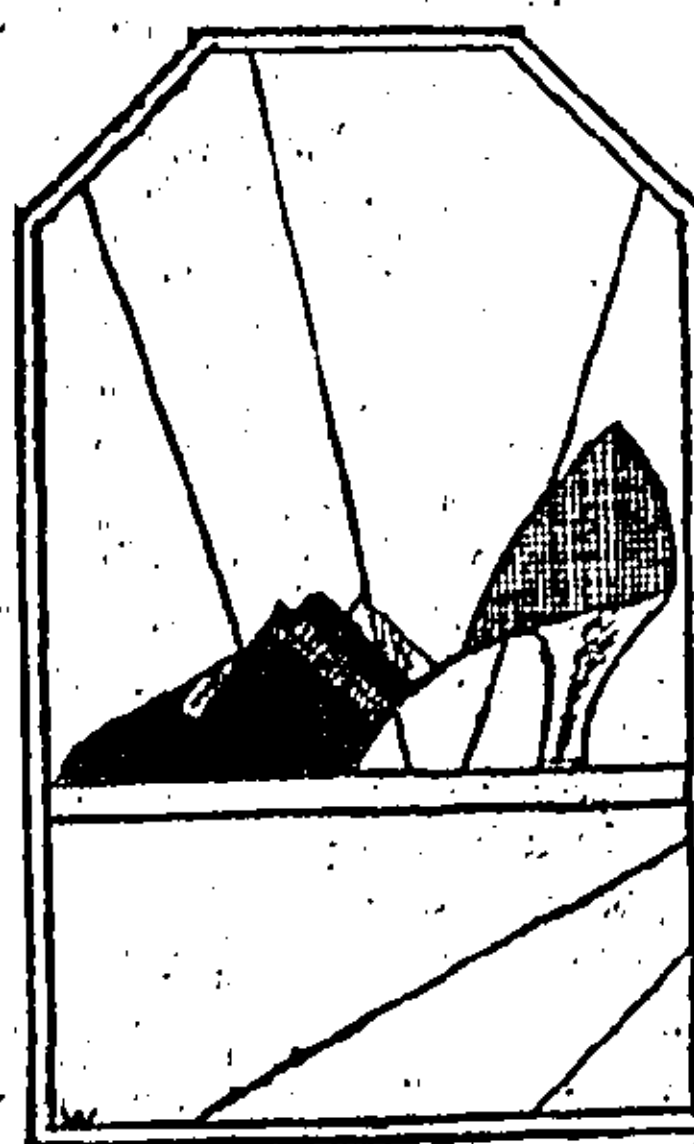
Handkerchiefs Important for Evening.

Handkerchiefs add one of the liveliest of evening touches. Large chiffon squares, circular swirls of chiffon or big petalled ones of shaped pieces of chiffon all are seen. They are much larger than men's handkerchiefs, and usually match one's shoes and jewels in colour. The latest novelty in evening handkerchiefs is that of black chiffon with one's coat of arms in lace inserted in the centre. These come from Paris, and many continental noblewomen carry them. A gold yellow chiffon with handmade lace for one corner is very dainty and feminine.

Scarfs have changed their type to grow more individual and feminine. One daytime ensemble of beret and scarf, a Reboux import, has its beret tailored of brown and blue velvet, its scarf a tailored stock that has a chic new formality about it. Scarf and bag and shoe ensembles continue to be popular for sports wear but the ensemble idea is not so good for afternoon.

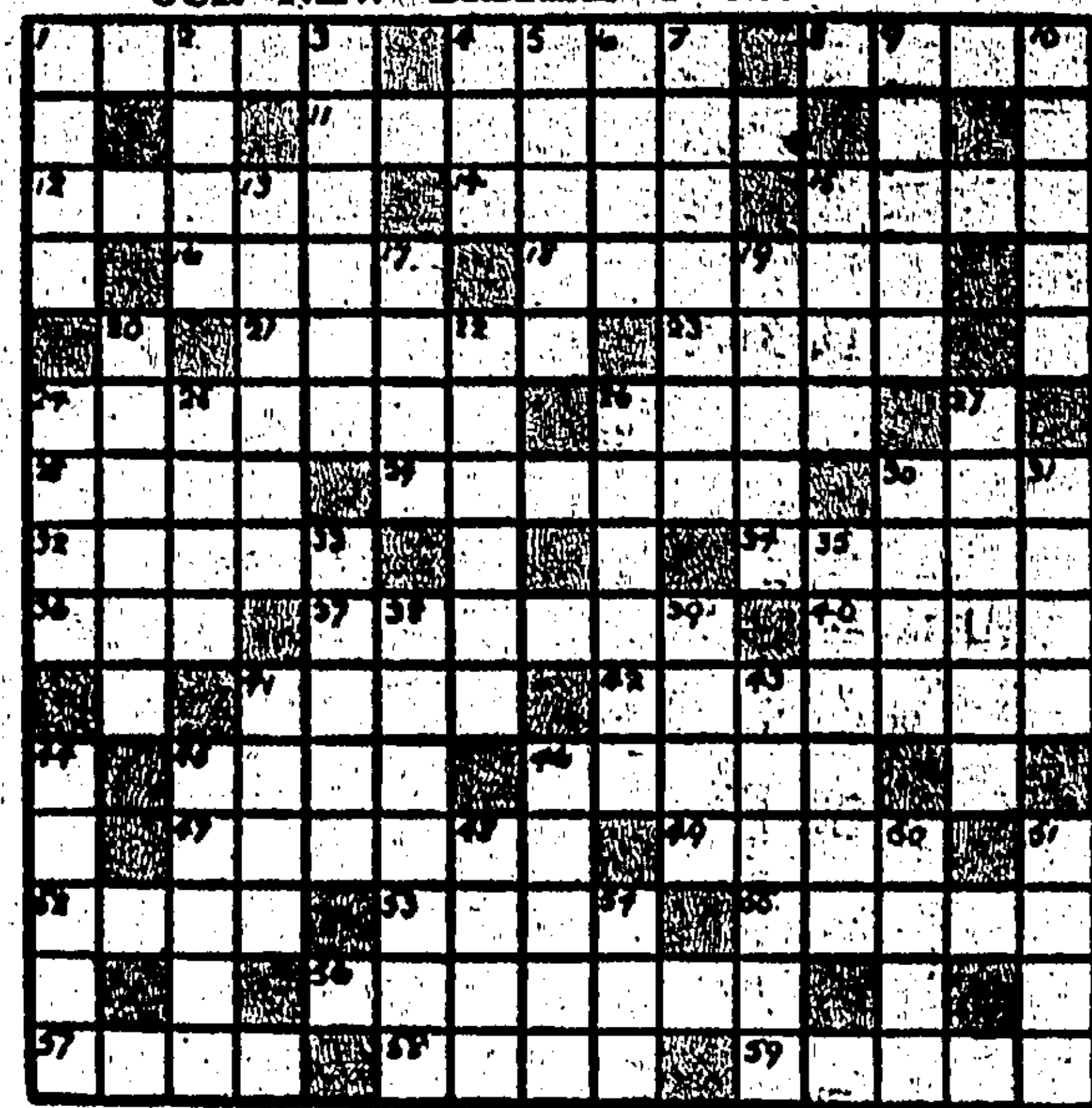
Gloves are longer this season, with shoulder length suede in pinky tones the accepted evening mode. These are worn wrinkled down at the wrists. Six and eight button length are worn on the street and the plainer and finer the glove, the better. The same is true of shoes. Instead of startling models and bizarre combinations, new shoes may use suede and lizard or other fancy skin but it blends the colours perfectly to avoid any appearance of elaborateness. Evening slippers are glamorous but elegant in their cut and gold or silver trim.

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 - 21 Harmonica.
 - 23 Blackish bird.
 - 24 Assent.
 - 26 On top.
 - 28 Entangle.
 - 29 Desire for drink.
 - 30 Observe.
 - 32 Apart.
 - 34 Perhaps.
 - 36 The titmouse.
 - 37 Speak first to.
 - 40 Quote.
 - 41 Eras.
 - 42 Built.
 - 45 Large pitcher.
 - 46 Old womanish.
 - 47 Glass water-bottle.
 - 49 Manufactured.
 - 52 Depend on.
 - 53 Weary.
 - 55 Luke-warm.
 - 56 Trust.
 - 57 Reluctant.
 - 58 Antlered animal.
 - 59 Clamour against.

- Down.
- 1 Forbid.
 - 2 Penalty.
 - 3 Drag-net.
 - 4 Haul.
 - 5 Jeweller's tool.
 - 6 Article of footwear.
 - 7 Chooses.
 - 9 Flung.

- 10 Finger.
- 13 Spread over with a coating.
 - 15 Cut into pieces.
 - 17 Formerly.
 - 19 Faith.
 - 20 Turning-point.
 - 22 System of morals.
 - 24 Interweave.
 - 25 Leave out.
 - 26 Ascended.
 - 27 Girdled.
 - 30 Narrow shoal.
 - 31 Watched.
 - 33 Kean.
 - 35 Succeeded.
 - 38 Covered with wax.
 - 39 Adjust.
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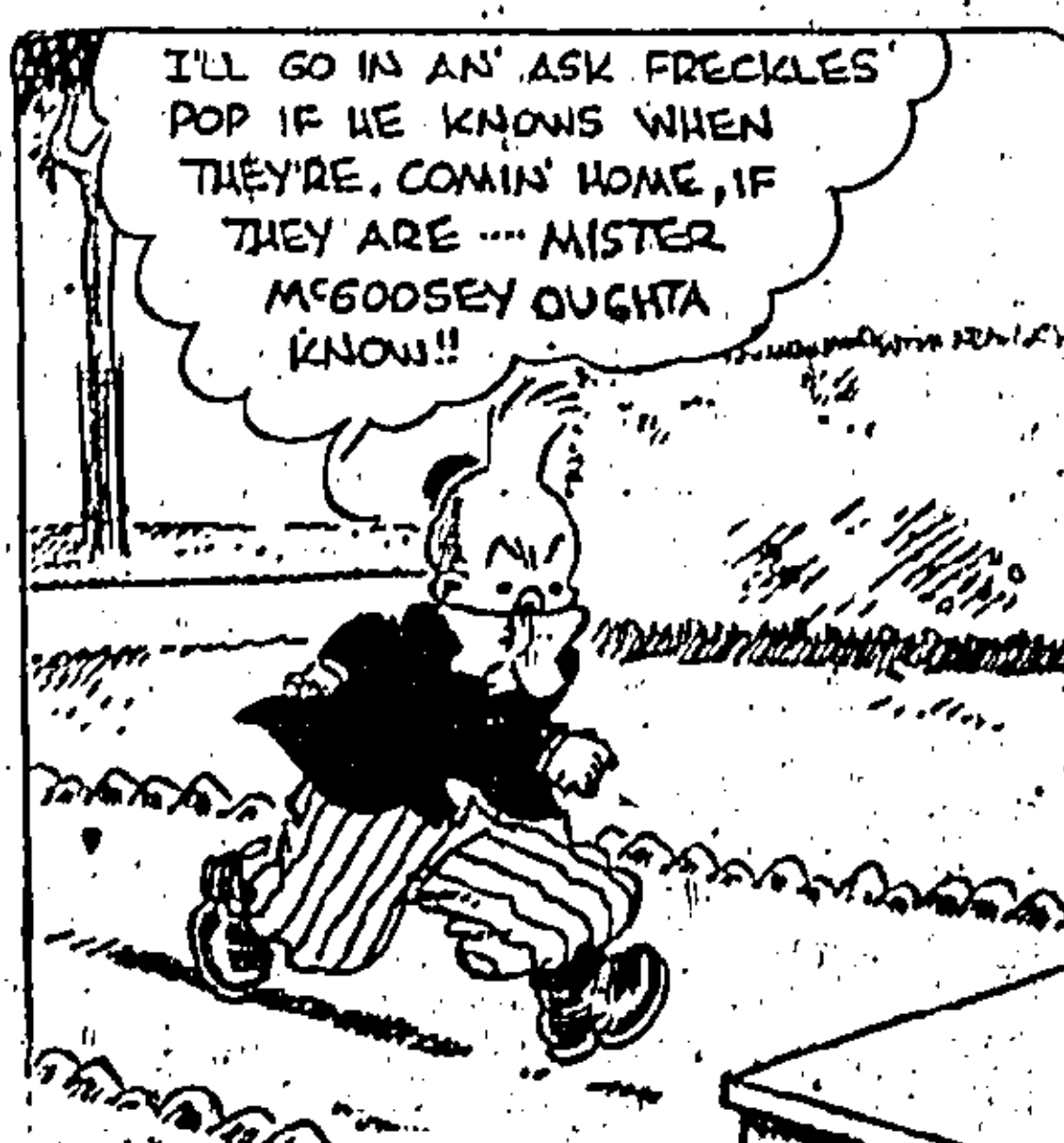
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bereavement.**DEATH.**SAMPLE—At York, England, on
December 14th 1929, Mrs.
Elizabeth Sample, wife of
Professor Arthur Sample,
who passed away in her 71st
year. In memory of my
dearly beloved mother, from
her son—Ronnie.**The
Hongkong Telegraph.**

MONDAY JANUARY 13, 1930.

**THE UNEMPLOYMENT
PROBLEM.**On several occasions since he was
entrusted with the task of attempt-
ing to solve the unemployment prob-
lem, Mr. J.H. Thomas has stressed
the point that no magic cure ispossible, and that only by an in-
dustrial revival can Britain expect
to absorb its idle workers. It does
not surprise us, therefore, that his
speech at Manchester on Friday
revealed no new or novel method of
coping with the situation. Indeed,
Mr. Thomas appears to have reached
the conclusion that the Government
itself can do very little except to
smooth out the obstacles in the
way of commerce by rendering such
help and sympathy as is reasonably
possible, whilst at the same time
using its influence in financial circles
with a view to securing a free
outflow of money to aid in the re-
organisation of industry generally.
In other words, the task of im-
proving trade is one mainly for
financiers and business men, with
the Government doing what it can
to encourage sound development
schemes.We have no complaint with this
treatment of the subject, for it
would appear to be the only one
possible. It is obviously much to
be preferred to ill-conceived specta-
cular methods which may appear
attractive on the surface but which
will not stand close investigation.
All the same, the Government can-
not but expect criticism from cer-
tain quarters in view of the im-
pression it sought to create during
the General Election that only a
Labour Administration was able to
solve the problem. Those who
had been expecting a cut-and-
dried solution, which would become
immediately effective in reducing
the number of unemployed, will be
disappointed, but it does not re-
quire much consideration of the
issues to realise that the matter is
not one which can be disposed of
by "fancy" projects. There is aneconomic cause for unemployment,
and until that cause has been re-
moved, the evil will remain. Our
own view is that the Government is
making the right approach to the
problem, but from the point of view
of its own reputation amongst the
masses it is doubtful whether La-
bour will gain much kudos. The
majority of the Government's sup-
porters are likely to ask for early
results; they cannot hope to get
them from the line of action fore-
shadowed. Mr. Thomas' investiga-
tion of the situation has convinced
him that what is most needed is the
modernisation and reorganisation
of industry, but he has had it
borne in upon him that manufac-
turers are handicapped by reason of
the long-continued trade depression,
having reached the limits of credit
which they can reasonably expect
to obtain from their bankers. He
has therefore made it his business
to get into touch with city
financiers, who have shown them-
selves anxious and willing to co-
operate in working out plans and
in finding the necessary finance.
As Mr. Thomas has put it, these
financial experts extend an open in-
vitation to business and industry to
come forward with definite schemes
of reorganisation. Obviously,
something more than the customary
facilities will be needed if fruitful
results are to accrue, and it will
be interesting to see the precise
conditions under which bankers will
assist our depressed industries.The recent conferences which the
Prime Minister has had with the
nation's leading industrialists and
economists, followed up as they
have been by Mr. Thomas' contact
with city financiers, are sufficient
to show that the Government is
fully-conscious of the part Capital
can play, and that it is not likely
to be led by extremists in foolish
Socialistic experiments. The situa-
tion, as we have said, is complicated
by the fact that modernisation
and reorganisation are called for
whilst the depressed state of indus-
try still continues. There can,
however, be no justification for in-
efficiency, to bolster up which would
be fatal. With the facts realised,
it now remains to put effective
measures into operation. Until the
exact nature of these are disclosed,
it will be impossible to estimate the
value of Mr. Thomas' contribution
to the solution of this great prob-
lem.**The Police Scandal.**Aggravate and immediate respon-
sibility is imposed upon the
Inspector General of Police (the
Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe) by the
allegations of the use of "third
degree" methods by certain mem-
bers of the Force under his con-
trol. Complaints of the bullying
and beating of Chinese prisoners
have from time to time engaged
the attention of Magistrates in the
past, but a police denial has
usually been sufficient to discount
the unsupported word of the
accused. It becomes a very
serious matter indeed, therefore,
when a Government medical officer
is able to go into the witness box
after an examination and confirm
practically detail for detail, the
probabilities of the serious accusa-
tions made by a prisoner. The
case was one concerning the
alleged possession of forged notes
of the Chartered Bank, and the
accused complained that a "con-
fession" was extorted from him by
a European officer and others, who
struck him across the knees and
legs while he was squatting down. Dr.
Cannon went so far as to declare
that the nature of the bruises on
the knees suggested very strongly
that the man who did it was an
expert in a mild form of torture.
The Colony does not require ex-
perts of that kind in the Police
Force and it is to be expected that
if investigation discloses the per-
son actually responsible, drastic
action will be taken to discourage
the further development of torture
as a science. While Dr. Cannon,
for obvious reasons, could offer
little more than hypothetically cir-
cumstantial evidence, there will be
no doubt in the mind of the
reasonable man that a clear case
has been established. The ques-
tion at once arises: How often
does this sort of thing occur? and
while we hesitate to believe that
instances are other than few and
far between, it is the business of
the Police Department to see that
every suspicion is removed. We
cannot urge too strongly that an
exhaustive inquiry into local
police methods be carried out and
steps taken to ensure that there
will be no recurrence of such
offences against the good name of
British justice.**CORRESPONDENCE.****The Declining Dollar.**[To The Editor of Hongkong
Telegraph.]Sir,—As the declining dollar is
the one absorbing conversational
subject of the moment, I am rather
surprised at the quiescence of your
old currency correspondents—"Ob-
server," "Spectator," etc. Can it be
that recent developments have found
them barren of further construc-
tive material, or are they too en-
meshed in their own little financial
difficulties to devote any more
time to apparently fruitless
controversy on their pet subject?
In my last contribution to your
correspondence columns, at the be-
ginning of October, I concluded—
"I would remind all who happen to
read this letter that we are about
to be irrevocably committed to a
silver basis. . . . Spectator finds it
a subject for jocularity, but wait
till it hits the pocket of every man
in this Colony!"Some of us have been hit rather
badly, but recriminative reminders
or vain regrets will serve no useful
purpose at this juncture, so, with
your permission, I shall go right
ahead with a suggestion that I con-
sider worthy of some little public
attention.When we speak of the value of a
commodity we mean its worth to us,
relative to that of other commodi-
ties. Value increases with utility
and scarcity, and as a means of
comparing commodity values, with
a view to simplifying exchange, our
predecessors adopted standard com-
modities, the value of which varied
very little owing to their annual
production being almost negligible
alongside the world's total accumu-
lation of them.Gold and silver have served their
purpose very well in the past, but
the wheels of evolution relentlessly
grind on, and the financial and com-
mercial affairs of the nations have
become so involved and inextricably
interdependent that we are rapidly
losing security in our old currency
stabilisers.Silver has already ceased to func-
tion in this respect and the last
war proved only too conclusively
how even gold can depreciate when
the real essentials of a nation's ex-
istence become the paramount de-
mand. To a man adrift on a raft
at sea, formerly recognised values
are of no import whatever. Fresh
water, which to him has hitherto
been of little account, suddenly be-
comes the most precious commodity
in creation—and to a nation fight-
ing for its life, gold has become a
base metal to be thrown aside to
the highest bidder. It retained
more than its intrinsic value dur-
ing that last war simply because
there were neutrals to whom it was
still acceptable. Had we been en-
gaged in a world-wide war, our old
friend Gold would have fallen as
low as scrap-iron.The time has now arrived when
the world's currencies must turn to
some more reliable standard for
their stability. We have to ask our-
selves what the earth holds that is
now less susceptible to value fluctu-
ations in times of industrial or
political stress, and the sooner we
get over the transition stage the
fewer will be our regrets in the near
future.The standard that will best serve
our purpose from now on is un-
doubtedly the value of the world's
commodities as a whole. We might
call it the "general price level," but
I think a little delving would prove
helpful here. Let us assume that
the world's stocks of gold and silver
have been exhausted and that it has
been decided to adopt, say, rice as
our new currency standard. This
would entail the issue of a paper
dollar representing a fixed quantity
of that commodity and, as supply
and demand in the rice market
varied, our bankers would be called
upon to increase or decrease
their note issue to maintain the
value parity. Such a fluctuating
standard would involve continuous
variation in the prices of other com-
modities and hopeless financial and
industrial chaos would be the re-
sult.The supply and demand of
the world's commodities—as a
whole, however, are compara-
tively steady and all we need
ask of our banks is that they
issue a note representing the gen-
eral price level of commodities in
this Colony as it stood before the
October dollar drop and maintain
an adjustment of the supply of the
notes to adhere to that level.
Money competes with money in the
commodity market and the value
of the unit of a currency entirely
depends on the quantity issued.In the event of a scarcity of
commodities generally, as in a time
when nations for the plough for
the sword, a proportional decrease
in the currency supply would have
to be made and the general price
level would remain at the pre-
war figure. There would be no
danger of our standard slumping
to zero value, for no matter what
disasters came along there would
always be a demand for life's essen-
tials. We should have a standard
that would ensure stability simply
by reason of the currency being re-
presentative of what it was to buy.
With our old standards, a time of
active gold or silver production can
bring about a general rise in com-
modity prices with its inevitable**DAY BY DAY.**THE TIME NEVER COMES WHEN A
RECONSTRUCTION DOES NOT IMPERIL
SOME GREAT INTEREST.—Haber New-
ton.The P. and O. s.s. Karmala,
from Singapore, is due here at 6
a.m. on Friday.Passengers arriving here on
Saturday by the Blue Funnel s.s.
Hector included Mr. F. H. Crap-
nell, Mr. F. G. Herridge, Mr. H. C.
Macnamara and Mr. and Mrs. R.
A. Starling.The marriage arranged between
John Keith Bousfield and Edith
Gwendolyn Castens will take place
at Shames Church on Tuesday
January 28th at 12 noon and after-
wards at No. 5 British Consulate.
No invitations are being sent out
but any friends will be very wel-
come.Sentence of two months' hard
labour was imposed by Mr. Whyte
Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy
this morning on a young Chinese
who pleaded guilty to a charge of
larceny of clothing from a house
in Argyle Street. The defendant
was stated to be well-known to the
police and had one previous con-
viction for larceny in September
last.A gruesome discovery was made
by the master of the Lau Chau
Kee ship whilst he was walking
along the foreshore at Apichau
yesterday, when he found the de-
capitated remains of a child, be-
lieved to be Chinese. It is assumed
that the skeleton is that of a
child, who had been dumped after
death, the body being mutilated
in accordance with superstitious
beliefs.Among the passengers leaving
the Colony to-morrow by the Saar-
brücken are Mr. and Mrs. C.
Mancini, proceeding to South
America by way of Europe. Mr.
Mancini, who has represented
Messrs. Lyddon & Co., Ltd., paper
and pulp merchants in Hongkong
for several years, has been ap-
pointed to take charge of the firm's
interests in South America, and
will establish his headquarters at
San Paulo, Brazil.Acting on the instruction of the
Commander-in-Chief of the Na-
tional forces, the Canton Mil-
itary Headquarters have supplied
a new kind of badges similar to
those which are now worn by the
men of the various divisions in the
province in replacement of the
present ones. The new badges
bears the following characters:—
"The wearer must not work for
wealth, fear no death, work for
the society for common good and
always love his country."dislocation of trade, but with a
paper currency based on a fixed
general price level, a period of ac-
tive, production of the standard
could be immediately counter-
balanced by an increase in the paper
issue.
Hongkong cannot boast of ever
having been a pioneer in the in-
dustrial or any other field, so now
that we are being forced into the
uncertainties of another monetary
change by the obsolescence of the
silver standard, why not get ahead
of the world for once? Let our
bankers at once launch out on a
silver exclusion policy, buy up cir-
culating coins at the current silver
rate, lay aside their bullion till the
market recovers on restricted out-
put and put their trust in a stan-
dard that will most certainly go far
to bring about the long-expected
trade revival.—Yours, etc.,

ONLOOKER.

Kowloon, Jan. 12th, 1930.

The Junior Locals.Sir,—I think the following figures
concerning the recently published
result of the Junior Local Exami-
nation are worth considering and
ought to be more widely known.Out of a total of 646 candidates
(boys) entered, only 153 or 23 per
cent, passed. Even if we restrict
our attention to the six Schools
sending in the largest number of
candidates, the result is little bet-
ter. Out of a total of 323 candi-
dates entered, only 112 or 35 per
cent, passed. In other words only
one student in three, educated by
these Schools, is deemed by the Uni-
versity to have reached a satisfac-
tory standard.I think, Sir, such drastic results
show very serious lack of under-
standing on the part of the Uni-
versity of local conditions and call for
explanation. Surely the teaching in
the Colony cannot have deteriorated
so much in the course of one year!
These variations in the standard
from year to year reduce the ex-
amination to pure farce and as such
only wonders whether it might not
well be abolished. Might I ask
why there is no association of teach-
ers in the Colony to take up such
matters?I enclose my card, but for ob-
vious reasons must ask you not to
disclose my name.—Yours, etc.,
KEIT.

Hongkong, Jan. 11th, 1930.

The Very Idea!The following story is told of
the late Mr. T. P. O'Connor:
"When the phonograph first
came to this country I was
Edison's representative. Many
important people came to see the
instrument at our office in
Northumberland-avenue. T. P.
also came with some friends and
made a record on the wax cylinder.
He then listened to his own record,
and exclaimed quite excitedly:
'Well, then, I never knew I had a
brogue before!'""It is a strange thing that few
people recognise their own voice
when they hear it as other people
hear it.""I had to discharge my nurse for
being cruel.""What did she do?"
"She kicked poor Fido for
biting the baby."("Fifty years hence roads will be
a delight—not a terror"—Daily
Paper.)In half a century or less
Our roads will have become
Delightful for the motorist.
Who loves to make things
hum.He'll average over forty
Throughout the longest day,
With nothing to obstruct him,
And none to say him nay.The Golden Age of Motoring
Will dawn, it is inferred,
When the last lone pedestrian
Has gently been interred.A bus conductor was lamenting
that even five passengers were
allowed to stand inside an
omnibus, having regard to the
difficulty he experienced in collect-
ing fares."Why," he said, "to do my job
properly you want to be felled!"Vicar: "Well, Mr. Higgs, how
are you to-day?"

Cobbler: "Very bad, sir."

"And what is the matter?"

"Oh, sir, it's my legs. They be
wonderful bad!""Dear me! How long have you
been like this?""Why, sir, these legs, if you
believe me, I've had 'em on and off
for the last 30 years!"Scotswoman at Southend—It
wasn't the drinks that I bought
which made me drunk. It was
what others bought for me.Solicitor at Marlborough-street:
defendant started to use bad lan-
guage in the train at Oxford-circus
and continued all the way to Acton,
when it became most lurid.**EXCHANGE RATES.**

	London, Jan. 12.
Paris	125.01
Brussels	34.05
Amsterdam	12.09 1/2
Berlin	20.395
Copenhagen	18.205
Vienna	34.02
Helsingfors	103 1/2
Lisbon	108.25
Bucharest	818
Shanghai	1/11 1/2
New York	4.87
Geneva	25.135
Milan	93.04
Stockholm	18.145
Oslo	18.215
Prague	104 1/2
Madrid	37.225
Athens	93.04
Buenos Aires	375
Yokohama	45.2/10
Bombay	2/0.7/32
Silver (spot)	1/6.20/32
Silver (forward)	20 1/2

—British Wireless.

WHO WAS . . .**OLD NICK?**Many of the people who
call upon "Old Nick" in
moments of anger or irrita-
tion have an idea that they
are invoking the Prince of
Darkness himself, but "Old
Nick" occupied no such exalted
position among mythological
figures.In the Norse legends Old
Nick was one of the water-
sprites, or kelpies, who haunt-
ed the seas, lakes, rivers and
waterfalls. He was generally
depicted as sitting on a rock
or crag, and wringing the
water from his long grey
locks. He was supposed to
resent man's efforts to wrest
precious metals from the
earth. The flooding of mines
was attributed to his malevo-
lent influence, and the hard-
ness of metals was taken as
another proof of her resent-
ment. Nickel, a very hard
metal, was named after him.
The theory that "Nick" is a
contraction of Nicholas
Machievelli, cannot be cor-
rect, as the name existed long
before the Italian writer was
born.The Christian clergy who
converted the tribes of North
Britain tried hard to destroy
the primitive belief in these
water-sprites, as in all other
pagan superstitions, but
remnants of the belief still
persist.

**FERRY BOAT'S NEW
ROLE.****COMMANDEERED TO CHASE
ESCAPING ROBBERS.****CHEUNGCHAU AFFAIR.**

Unusual and spectacular features are revealed in a report concerning a daring raid which armed robbers carried out on the island of Cheungchau late last night.

As the raiders were escaping in a junk, they were hotly pursued and eventually overhauled by the police in a ferry launch commandeered for the purpose. Four men were arrested, it is alleged, with revolvers in their possession.

The full story of the affair was made available to a *Telegraph* reporter this morning, and it shows that in the preparation of the enterprise, the robbers had given careful consideration to initial details. In selecting the Yuet Wo grocery shop, situated at No. 411, Chang Ping Street, they had been able to obtain the name of the master as well as the familiar name by which he is known to most of his customers.

Accordingly, when the name of "Uncle Chin" was called from outside the shop, at an hour when the place had but up its shutters, and the man who was requesting admission said that he had been sent by an individual whose name he gave, the proprietor was reassured to the extent of breaking a rule to admit what he thought was late custom.

As soon as the door was opened, a man, who was a complete stranger, asked to be shown a bundle of joss-sticks. This was only a trick to draw the attention of "Uncle Chin" from the door, as two other men came in. They seized the victim, and demanded a hundred dollars from him, at the same time producing revolvers from under their jackets.

Without giving a thought as to the probable consequences, the grocer commenced to struggle, and the more he struggled the more his antagonists became alarmed. But they were not prepared to use their weapons, even when he bawled out "Save life!" and attracted the attention of the people who were living on the floor above. The inmates passed on the alarm, and within a few minutes the whole neighbourhood was in an uproar.

Following the robbers as they ran out of the shop, the grocer saw them later putting off from the bench in a junk which had apparently arrived with them and now had its sail up in preparation for the escape. A fourth man who was in the boat, assisted in the get-away. Soon the boat was making quickly for the harbour entrance.

The police of the local station, warned of the occurrence, promptly and effectively acted. The Hongkong ferry "San Chau" had just come in with the last boatload of returning islanders, and it needed very little additional preparation to turn her round again as a course was set after the escaping raiders.

Some time later, a junk with a white sail, was picked up off Patung Island. In it were four men who were arrested and taken back by the police to Cheungchau.

LEAGUE CRICKET.**KOWLOON DRAW WITH CIVIL
SERVICE.**

The rain on Friday night and early the next morning made most of the grounds unsuitable for cricket on Saturday afternoon, with the result that the majority of the games were postponed.

The two Kowloon C.C. teams were engaged, however, having as their opponents in League matches, the Civil Service C.C. The senior eleven played a drawn game while the Kowloon junior team beat their opponents by four wickets.

DIVISION I.**Heavy Scoring on Kowloon
C.C. Ground.**

The scoring on the Kowloon C.C. ground, where the home team entertained the Civil Service C.C., was exceptionally high, over 300 runs being made for the loss of only ten wickets. The visiting players took first knock and ran up a score of 183 runs for seven wickets before declaring, leaving the home team with about an hour and a quarter in which to get the necessary runs. When stumps were drawn the hosts had made 149 runs for the loss of three wickets.

DIVISION II.**Batting and Bowling Feats at
Happy Valley.**

Notwithstanding the fact that the scoring was quite high there was some creditable bowling feats in the match between the Kowloon C.C. juniors and the Civil Service on the latter's ground. The hosts batted first and made a score of 130, first taking five wickets for 80 runs and over four for 32. The visitors knocked off the runs with four wickets in hand.

**POSSIBLE RAID ON
BIAS BAY.****BRITISH NAVAL CIRCLES
NON-COMMITTAL.****CO-OPERATION REPORT**

The report published this morning regarding the likelihood of a naval raid on Bias Bay was neither confirmed nor denied by the Naval Intelligence Officer (Lt. Commander Keith), this morning.

Lt. Commander Keith informed our representative that there was nothing to add to the report as published, but he did not indicate its accuracy or otherwise.

In the circumstances, it would appear that a raid has already been planned by the Chinese authorities, but that the British attitude has not yet been defined. It is scarcely likely, however, that if the naval authorities in Hongkong planned a raid in conjunction with the Chinese forces, they would desire anything to be published on the subject at this stage.

This morning's report stated that a representative had been sent to Hongkong by the Canton Government, and that his object was to secure British naval support in the raid. It was not disclosed in the message, whether he had been successful or not.

**COOLIES Gassed IN
POLICE STATION.****FOUND UNCONSCIOUS THIS
MORNING.****STRANGE HAPPENING.**

Two coolies employed at the Shamshui Police Station were, during last night, gassed by a coal fire in the room, in which they were sleeping.

They had taken some coal from the fire place in the charge room, and before settling down for the night, had built a coal fire in a brazier improvised from a kerosene tin, but neglected to keep the room well ventilated.

Not finding them at work this morning, Inspector Hoare, the officer in charge of the Station, thought that on account of the cold weather, the coolies were indulging in an extra nap. As the morning advanced and they had not turned up, the officer went in to the room, and found both men lying unconscious in their bunks.

It needed but a glance around for the officer to size up the situation. First-aid was applied, but the two men were still unconscious when they were moved to hospital. It was stated that the man sleeping in the lower bunk was in a more serious condition than his companion. This may have been due to the fact that he was lying closer to the coal fire.

**COLLAPSED IN THE
STREET.****FILIPINO TAKEN TO
HOSPITAL.**

Some excitement was created outside the "Morning Post" Building this forenoon, when a Filipino suddenly collapsed with an epileptic fit.

The man was walking in Wyndham Street with his wife at the time when he collapsed, but first-aid was promptly rendered by Mr. W. C. Simpson, of the P.W.D., who was assisted by Mr. K. C. Tsang. An ambulance was in the meantime sent for and for nearly ten minutes Mr. Simpson and Mr. Tsang worked on the unfortunate victim of the fit, in which time they succeeded in bringing him partially round. When this stage had been reached the ambulance arrived and took the man to hospital.

**Handle captured three wickets for
only 16 runs.****Police v Recreio.**

On the Police ground these two teams were engaged in a friendly match of twelve sides. The hosts batted first but were all dismissed for 45 runs. G. A. Gutierrez took five wickets for no runs in three overs, while A. P. Pereira dismissed four batsmen for nine runs. The Recreio replied with 95 runs.

YESTERDAY'S GAME.**Draw Between Varsity and
Combined League.**

On the University ground at Pokfulam yesterday afternoon, a team chosen from the Varsity past and present pupils entertained the Combined League in a cricket match, which resulted in a draw.

The University declared with 176 for six wickets. Anderson played well for 80. Omar took three wickets for 39 runs.

When stumps were drawn, the Combined League had scored 104 for the loss of six wickets.

**OPIUM SMOKING IN
HONGKONG.****COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY
ARRIVES.****PUBLIC INVITATION.**

The Commission of Enquiry into the Control of Opium Smoking in the Far East, appointed by the League of Nations, reached Hongkong on Saturday after having completed its enquiries in Burma, in British Malaya, in the Netherlands East Indies, in Siam and in French Indo-China.

The Members of the Commission are: H.E. Mr. E. E. Ekstrand, Swedish Minister at Buenos Aires (Chairman of the Commission); M. Max Leo Gerard, Directeur General du Fonds d'Amortissement de la dette publique belge, and President de la Societe d'Economie Politique de Belgique; and Dr. Jan Havlasa, Member of the Czech Academy and former Czechoslovakian Minister to Brazil. The Secretary to the Commission is Mr. B. A. Renborg, Member of Section of the Secretariat of the League of Nations.

During its stay at Hong Kong the Commission will confer with and receive information from Government Departments and officials, as well as from Private organisations and individuals who are interested in the subject of the Commission's enquiry.

Private organisations and individuals wishing to give information or to express their views are requested to address themselves in writing to the Secretary, at the Repulse Bay Hotel, Hongkong.

POLICE RESERVE.**ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT
WEEK.**

Police Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C. M. G., Inspector-General of Police, state:

Chinese Company.

Chinese New Year Holiday.—All parades and instructional classes for members of the Chinese Company are suspended from 13th Jan. until after the Chinese New Year Holidays.

Indian Company.

Parade.—All ranks of the Indian Company are reminded of the parade to be held at Police Headquarters under P/Sergeant R. J. Hunt on Tuesday, January 14th, at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, January 14th. Fall in at the Tsim-tai-sui Fire Brigade Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform and Cap with White Cover.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hongkong Section will take place on Friday, January 17th. Fall in at the Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform and Cap with White Cover.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Addresses and Telephone Numbers.—All members are reminded that any change in their business or private address or telephone number should be reported at once to the O. I. C. Company.

(Sgd.) W. KENT, A.S.P. Adjutant.

**JAPANESE SEAMAN
FINED.****SHOOTING SPARROWS NEAR
KOWLOON HOUSES.****IGNORANCE OF LAW.**

A Japanese seaman of the Mishima Maru, who was out in Kowloon yesterday for a morning's shooting in the more populated areas of the Peninsula, was brought before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning and charged with possession of an air gun and with shooting birds within two hundred yards of an inhabited house in the Hunghom District.

The defendant pleaded guilty to both charges.

Sergeant Gibling intimated that he police did not take a serious view of the case. The defendant, he said, did not apparently know the laws of Hongkong.

In reply to his Worship, the officer intimated that the defendant was found shooting birds outside the Hunghom Police Station. "He obviously did not know what he was doing," added the sergeant.

His Worship:—What do you mean, he didn't know what he was doing?

Sergeant Gibling:—He didn't realise he was breaking the law. After looking at the gun, his Worship remarked that it seemed quite a powerful weapon and not an ordinary toy.

Sergeant Gibling said he believed that shooting with an air gun was quite a popular pastime in Japan.

The defendant remarked that he had bought the gun in Kobe before coming to Hongkong.

His Worship said it was obvious that the defendant did not know he was doing wrong when he was shooting birds outside the Police Station.

Sergeant Gibling remarked that it was a dangerous pastime. The defendant had come ashore at Tsimshatsui and walked to Hunghom, shooting birds all along the way.

His Worship asked the defendant what sort of birds he wanted to shoot, and was told that the defendant wished to shoot sparrows.

His Worship:—What would you do with them after you had shot them?

Defendant:—It was only for a pastime.

His Worship was informed that the defendant's ship was due to leave early to-morrow morning and remarked that it would be rather a pity to prevent him from sailing.

An officer from the ship, when asked by his Worship, said the defendant was a man of good character.

Remarking that he could not have known he was not allowed to carry the gun, his Worship imposed a fine of \$5 on the first charge and registered a caution on the second, the gun and pellets to be confiscated.

New York, Jan. 8.

The financial stringency in China, due to constantly falling silver values, has created wide interest in New York business circles, but Chinese merchants will be dealt with in lenient fashion, it was indicated here today.

The United Press made a canvass of the city's largest export firms. Export managers declared that the crash in silver values will not effect their contracts with China.

**A DILIGENT AND
FRUGAL WIFE.****CHINESE TESTATOR'S WILL
PROVED.****FOUR LOCAL ESTATES.**

Tributes to his wife are contained in the will of Chan Yee-man, alias Chan Lin-hok, alias Chin Lin-lai, who died at No. 115, China Street, Haiphong, on or about February 2, this year, leaving Hongkong estate to the value of \$18,000. He was a native of Pak Kwai, Kwong Mun, Sun Wui District, and was formerly managing partner of the Cheung Firm, No. 125, Jervois Street, Hongkong, having carried on business in the Colony for over 40 years. He is survived by the widow, Chan Chiu-shi, residing at No. 64, Apilu Street, Shamshui, to whom probate has been granted, a concubine and three sons. Testator left Hongkong for Haiphong on business on January 27, 1929.

In his will, testator states "Since I left my village for Hongkong I have toiled hard and worked diligently and carefully in the course of carrying on business and I have saved a little. Luckily, my wife, Chiu Shi, has been quiet, elegant, virtuous, diligent and frugal, in keeping the household in order. Indeed, she has never violated the principle of a good wife and has therefore been very trustworthy. For these reasons I handed over all savings accumulated by me to my wife, Chiu Shi, and left same at her disposal."

After giving his wife full power to manage the estate and execute the duties of executrix entirely in her discretion, testator proceeds: "The various sons shall not be allowed to make any demand to their mother under whatever pretext for the division of the estate." Later, he adds "Should there be anything not provided for in the will, the various sons shall have to abide by the order of their mother and shall not be allowed to go beyond their power and to make any claim. These are my earnest directions."

After having been employed at sea and leaving Hongkong on retirement for his native village, Naku Kok Lung, Ping Shan, Wui Yeung District, Kwangtung, on April 25, this year, Liu Kai-luen, alias Liu Tam died on or about May 18, 1929, leaving Hongkong estate worth \$15,700. Probate of the will has been granted to Liu Ip-shi and Liu Cheung-shi, widow and concubine respectively, who are living at No. 7, Fife Street, Mongkok. Everything is bequeathed to the two women to administer with full power and enjoy for ever.

Foreign Estates.

Mr. John MacNab, one time agent of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at Hilo, Philippine Islands, who died on December 7, 1926, at Glasgow, Scotland, left Hongkong estate which has been sworn at \$3,900 while personal estate and effects in England and Scotland amount to £3,379 10s 3d. Foreign estate is worth £3,844 7s 3d.

Re-sealing of testament-testamentary of the trust disposition and settlement has been granted to the Hon. Mr. W.E.L. Shenton, of Deacons, who is attorney for the executors and executrices.

Probate of the will of the late Mr. Alfred Hugh Bevans, formerly of No. 4, Therapia Road, Honor Oak County, Surrey, who died on April 11, 1929, at No. 24, Priory Avenue, Hastings, Sussex, leaving Hongkong estate to the value of \$1,200, has been granted to the Hon. Mr. W.E.L. Shenton, of Deacons. Net personalty in England amounts to £2,045 7s 3d. Testator bequeathes everything to his widow, Julia Mabel Bevans, for her own use and benefit absolutely and appoints her executrix of the will.

AMERICAN GOLF.**BOBBY JONES TO CAPTAIN
WALKER TEAM.**

New York, Jan. 11. Bobby Jones, the famous American golfer, has been elected captain of the Walker Cup players, who will meet the British team at St. George's, Sandwich, on May 15 and 16. The American team has been selected and will be comprised of Bobby Jones, Harrison Johnston, G. Von Elm, Oulmet, Volgt, Dr. Willing, Sweetser, and Donald Moe. The reserves are MacKenzie and McCarthy.

All the players are expected to compete for the Open British Golf

title while Jones and Von Elm will probably take part in the Open Championship.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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ATHLETIC BEATEN BY K.O.S.B.

HEAVIER TURF UPSETS CHINESE TEAMS.

KOWLOON RUN RIOT AGAINST ST. JOSEPH'S.

BRITTO'S FINE WORK.

(By "Wanderer.")

Some of the most interesting Senior League football for some time past was witnessed on Saturday. The outstanding performance was that of the Royal Artillery, whose victory over South China came as a considerable surprise. The Borderers justified confidence, inflicting a defeat on Chinese Athletic.

The biggest win of the day, and the biggest in the Senior League this season, was credited to Kowloon, who scored seven goals against St. Joseph's, the College team replying once after Kowloon had completed their tally. The Somersets and the Navy obtained comfortable victories.

In the Junior League, the K.O.S.B. Reserves dropped a valuable point to Chinese Athletic "A". The University after being three goals down lost to Eastern by 3-2, finishing strongly but failing to get an equaliser.

The full list of results is appended:—

Senior League.		
Chinese Ath.	0	K.O.S.B. 2
Kowloon	7	St. Joseph's 1
Royal Navy	4	Recreio 0
R.A.	2	South China 1
Somersets	4	H.K.F.C. 0

Junior League.		
K.O.S.B.	1	Chinese "A" 1
University	2	Eastern 3
Ewo	0	Kowloon 3
Club	0	Navy 3
S. China "B"	2	Chinese "B" 0

EVEREST'S GOALS.

K.O.S.B. Score Good Win Over Athletic.

The Borderers gave glimpses of their best form and fully earned their victory over the Athletic. The main factors in their success were the rain of the morning which made the pitch sufficiently heavy to upset the light Athletic team, and Everest's brighter showing in the centre-forward position. He has played in the position before, without great success, but on Saturday he settled down at once and was always the most troublesome attacker from Chan Shek-pui's viewpoint.

Three times in the first quarter of an hour, he went very close with good efforts and shortly afterwards he met with success, beating Chan easily from a few yards out. Before the interval, Everest crashed a centre by Torrie into the net. This was all the scoring of the match. In the second half, the Borderers were definitely on top, but Everest fell into the ways of his colleagues and failed to snap up numerous opportunities.

It was a fast game throughout, but the Athletic forwards did not get into their stride. Skiggs and Reeves were too persistent to allow Tao Kwai-sing to figure so prominently as has been his habit of late, while Davey's cageful watching spoilt many a special effort by Suen Kam-shun. With the two stars out of gear, the forward line played second rate soccer and Shears, in the Borderers goal, had little to worry him.

Lam Yuk-ying and Wong Shui-wa were outstanding in the Athletic defence, but the backs were decidedly weak under pressure and it was astonishing that the Borderers did not emphasise the merit of their win. Torrie and Stock were Everest's best supporters in the forward line. McIlhenny did not appear too comfortable.

NAVY LEAVE IT LATE.

Three Goals in Closing Minutes Of The Game.

The Royal Navy earned every bit of their four-all victory over the Club de Recreio, but thanks to the brilliant exhibition of Britto in the latter's goal, they were held in check for a good period of the game. Cann put them one-up some ten minutes before the interval, and with this they had to

be content until five minutes from the end when Dickenson put in a shot which Britto saved—but behind the line. The downfall of his charge in such a way after he had previously intercepted shot after shot in remarkable fashion seemed to dishearten Britto and before the close, Cann and Dickenson got further goals.

Britto's exhibition was one which almost deserved a better fate, though the Navy's shooting was not up to the high standard of their mid-field play. Cartwright, Tilley and Bell dominated the game, there being hardly one successful combined movement by the Recreio attack. They made occasional raids, by long swinging passes which got the wingers on the move, or by long punts down the centre with the inside men chasing the ball hither and thither, but McGreger and Jones dealt with this game with the complete coolness and accuracy, and Turner did not handle the ball above a dozen times the whole way through.

The return of Dickenson to the Navy left enabled them to field what should be the most competent attacking force serving any of the local senior teams. Their approach work was beyond reproach, but their shooting was not all that could be desired. Just a little steadiness in front of goal and the Navy team might be hailed as certain league champions. With such an even balance at the head of the table, they may do it with or without the perfection demanded by the critic.

KOWLOON'S SEVEN.

St. Joseph's Overwhelmed On Railway Ground.

It is a long time since Kowloon scored seven goals in a match and there were periods in the game against St. Joseph's when it seemed possible that the score would be even greater. St. Joseph's were not at full strength, and their greatest weakness was in goal, while McGrann quickly revealed that he is not accustomed to goalkeeping. He handled the ball well, and saved splendidly on numerous occasions, but he lacked anticipation, and Kowloon caught him guessing all the time.

Kowloon were hardly merit for a seven to one victory, though they were much the superior team from beginning to end. Had St. Joseph's "netted" in the first minute as they very nearly did, a different game altogether might have been seen, but Angus cleared his lines with a prodigious effort and only twice afterwards did the visitors look like scoring.

Headley got Kowloon's opening goals, and as he skipped the side for the first time, he had reason to be pleased with himself. He played at right half as usual, and his first goal was a glorious shot from thirty yards into the top right hand corner, and his second went low into the left hand corner from almost equal distance. McGrann may have been unsighted on each occasion. Gallagher snapped up a pass by Miles to score the third, and Simpson headed through a centre by Pile for the fourth goal. Kowloon led four all at the interval.

In the second half they played with ten men, Bliss having received a bad kick in the first. With four forwards only, Kowloon were still much superior. Miles got a fifth goal a quarter of an hour after the restart, Skinner making a great but unsuccessful effort to clear a well-placed shot. Simpson got two further goals, after which Jackson made a great sprint on the St. Joseph's left and scored with a terrific cross shot.

Kowloon made scoring look easy. There was nothing very brilliant in the manner in which any of the goals came. Some chances that were harder worked for went begging. Nevertheless, they must be given credit for snapping up so many of their opportunities.

St. Joseph's started off well, but faded away rapidly directly they were a goal down. When the second was netted, Kowloon complete mastery. The defence was never in real difficulties, in spite of some lively raids by Omar on the right wing, and also efforts by Kiplide.

Agnes Gillett and Pile were sure in everything they did, while it mattered, though they took some risks when a big lead had been built up. Hedley was the best half-back on the field. He held the left wing, Jackson, and Fernandez, easily, and spent half his time up with the forwards. Miles and Pile were the outstanding forwards, though the whole

line worked hard, Simpson improving immensely after a rather shaky start.

Skinner, Wright, and Omar were a more than useful half-back line for St. Joseph's. Wright particularly shining, but they could not depend on the men behind them, and the forwards were too ragged to make full use of some nice passes. R.M. Omar and Kiplide were the most efficient forwards.

SOMERSETS TOO GOOD.

Two Goals in Each Half Against Club.

The Club's recent visits to Kowloon have not been very profitable. On Saturday they met the Somersets, who, well in the running for the league honours they lost so narrowly last season, made no mistake in a hard game, scoring twice in each half.

The Club were not entirely out of the picture, but their forward work was very poor taken on the whole and Hall did not have much to do in the Somersets' goal.

An early goal to the soldiers probably made a good deal of difference. A smart piece of opportunism by Guest gave the Somersets the lead within five minutes of the start, and put them on good terms with themselves. They made full use of their opportunities subsequently. Bowley-Bull scoring nicely mid-way through the first half, while Butcher got two further goals after the interval.

Attacks by the Club were fairly frequent, but there was an absence of method, and steady work by Hayward and Crawley kept Hall safely covered.

FINE PERFORMANCE.

South China Fail Badly At Seokumpoo.

South China were without Fung King-cheong, but his absence was not sufficient to account for their poor display against the Royal Artillery, who won unexpectedly by the odd goal of three. The ground was slightly on the heavy side and South China failed to adapt themselves to the conditions, the defence notably displaying many weaknesses.

Another important feature of game was the failure of South China to realise that their best plan of campaign against the tall opposition was to keep play on the ground as much as possible. They seemed just as willing as the R.A. to loft the ball, the Oliver, Joyce and Co. found the work of defence much simplified, though they were more frequently engaged than were South China's defenders.

Gill gave the Artillery the lead soon after the start, and Pau Ka-shuen equalised before the interval. South China had played sufficiently well to justify the expectation that they would just about carry the day, but they fell short in the second half, and rarely looked likely to retrieve the situation after Rodgers had given the R.A. the lead for the second time in the match.

All the Gunners showed up well, Fletcher, Oliver, Joyce, and Cotton shining. Li Tin-sang and Wong Mee-shun did much useful work in the South China defence, while Leung Wing-tak was the most effective forward.

SETTLING THE POINT IN GOLF



When the Ball Hits the Flagstick.

The rule covering the incident of a golfer's ball striking a flagstick is often incorrectly invoked in match play.

When in stroke competition, a competitor's ball lying within 20 yards of the hole is played and strikes the flagstick or the person standing at the hole, the penalty shall be two strokes.

There is no penalty for hitting the flagstick in match play except when the flag is being held by either of the caddies. If the ball strikes the caddy the player whose caddy is struck loses the hole.

SHAMEEN FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

CICALA DEFEATS THE SHAMEEN TEAM.

Shameen, Jan. 11. H.M.S. Cicala defeated the Shameen Football Team for the second time this season when they met in the return match of the Shameen Football League here yesterday afternoon. On the first occasion, the Cicala defeated Shameen by 2 goals to 1; on yesterday's match the final score was 3 goals to 2 in favour of H.M.S. Cicala.

The game was somewhat scrappy throughout, with the luck of the play in favour of the Cicala, whereas Shameen were having, if anything, the better of the game. Slight rain falling about half time made the ground extremely slippery for the second half. Duncan scored the first goal for Shameen about ten minutes after the kick-off, netting the ball very neatly from about eight yards. Shortly before half-time, the Cicala equalled up from a penalty. Immediately afterwards, the Cicala scored again after a rush down the field.

With the score at 2-1 in favour of the Cicala at half-time, Shameen made every effort to score and about ten minutes after resuming Osmond netted the ball, and equalised up. Both sides were now exerting all their efforts to get ahead and a lucky goal gave the Cicala the lead about ten minutes before time. The ball would have gone behind but the Shameen custodian tried to stop it and unfortunately it slipped through his fingers and rolled off the goal into the goal.

Victory brings H.M.S. Cicala up to the third-place in the Shameen Football League though still considerably behind the first two, H.M.S. Seamus and H.M.S. Tarantula. The teams in yesterday's match were:

H.M.S. Cicala:—Glynn, Plinder, Williams, Atkinson, Brick, Stevens, Rees, Surin, Bolton, Riddle and McKessick.
Shameen Football Team:—T. Lay; W. Nogelitz, H. J. Pratt, R. Rasmussen, J. Montague, Ericsson; A. Wahab, R. Ashby, Geo. Duncan, Jr., and A. E. Osmond.—Our Own Correspondent.

LOCAL GOLF.

SERVICES TO PLAY THE GOLF CLUB.

On Sunday next, the Combined Services are to play the Royal Hongkong Golf Club. The former will be represented by—Sgt. Ldr. C. Boumphey, R.A.F., and Lieut. A. H. Alexander, R.N.; P/O C. E. St. J. Beamish, R.A.F., and Lieut. B. D. G. G. Macdonald, R.E.; Lieut. J. H. Anderson, R.A.M.C., and Lieut. A. H. Musson, R.N.; Lieut. D. G. F. W. Macintyre, R.N., and Sub-Lieut. P. C. O. Moseley, R.N. Reserves.—Major L. H. Aste, R.A.O.C.

Starting times and opponents will be notified in the Press. After the morning singles, pairs will book times for the afternoon four-ball. Tiffins need not be ordered.

Junior Championship.

The play-off for 16th place resulted in T. C. Monaghan with a score of 88. He will play H. A. Lammert in the first round on 19th Jan.

Captain's Cup.

The Captain's Cup played on Jan. 11th & 12th, resulted as follows:—T. C. Monaghan (83—10=73) and A. O. Brann (83—16=73) tie and will play off. Other scores:—R. K. Hepburn, 83—8=75; J. S. MacLaren, 87—11=76; E. des Voeux, 89—13=76; A. B. Purves, 88—9=79. There were 38 entries.

The Optional Pool was cancelled.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

NAVY DEFEAT ARMY IN CUP MATCH.

The General Officer Commanding the Troops in China (Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.), was present at the ground on Saturday afternoon to witness the narrow defeat of the Army, who lost by a try (three points) to a dropped goal and a try (seven points) against the Navy. Considering the state of the ground, which was in points an inch deep in water, the game was fast, and it was only the fortune of position and a good kick that won the game for the Senior Service. The Army side, though not having played together before, were strong in defence and attack, the forwards particularly getting the ball often from the scrum. The Club will certainly have to field a strong side this week when they play the Army, and the Army might spring a surprise, especially if they can find a slow and sticky ground for the game. The teams turned out on Saturday afternoon as follows:

Navy:—Webb, Meacock, Mansey, Mr. Buckley, Mackey, Lt. Fenton, Bayers, Lt. McLean, Lt. Archdale, Mr. Griffiths, Lord, Morgan, Knott, Roach, Paddon.
Army:—Bacombe, Champion, Lt. Tregear, Lt. Marshall, Hearne, Lt. Evans, Lt. Mattingley, Lt. Swayne, Lt. Maxwell, Lt. Thicknesse, Mead, Mogg, Bruno, Richardson, Bristowe.

HOME FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S CUP-TIE AND LEAGUE MATCHES.

The results of Saturday's Home football, as cabled by Reuter, are:

The English Cup. 3rd Round.

Rotherham	0	Notts. Forest	5
Charlton	1	Queen's P.R.	1
Chesham	1	Middlebro'	1
Wrexham	1	West Brom.	0
Birmingham	1	Bolton	0
Coventry	2	Milwall	3
Coventry	1	Sunderland	2
Arsenal	2	Chelsea	0
West Ham	4	Notts. County	0
Tottenham	2	Manchester C.	2
Wednesday	1	Barnley	0
Derby C.	5	Bristol C.	1
Walsall	2	Swansea	0
Fulham	1	Bournemouth	1
Brighton	1	Grimsby	1
Blackburn	4	Northampton	1
Aston Villa	5	Reading	1
Bradford C.	4	Southampton	1
Bury	0	Huddersfield	0
Leeds U.	6	Crystal Pal.	1
Liverpool	1	Cardiff	2
Blackpool	2	Stockport	1
Portsmouth	2	Preston N.E.	0
Clapton O.	1	Bristol R.	0
Manchester U.	0	Swindon	2
Barnley	0	Bradford	1
Newcastle	2	Tor	1
Doncaster	3	Stoke	3
Sheffield U.	2	Leicester	1
Plymouth	3	Hull	4
Cardiff	2	Everton	4
Oldham	1	Wolves	0

*Postponed on account of snow after 75 minutes' play.

The Scottish Cup. 1st Round.

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Aberdeen	3	Airdrie	1
Celtic	1	Hamilton	1
Dundee U.	0	Dundee	1
Falkirk	1	Rangers	1
Hibernians	1	Ayr	5
Kilmarnock	1	Queen's Park	6
Motherwell	2	Clyde	1
Peterhead	1	Morton	1
St. Johnstone	1	Cowdenbeath	1
St. Mirren	0	Hearts	2

*Postponed on account of snow.

Division III (South).

Gillingham	1	Watford	2
Norwich	2	Torquay	0
Southend	2	Brentford	0
Newport	1	Merthyr	0

*Postponed.

Division III (North).

Hartlepool	1	New Brighton	1
Rochdale	2	Southport	2
St. Helens	1	Crews	0
Tranmere	3	Wigan	0
Halifax	0	Barrow	1

YACHTING.

EIGHTH CHAMPIONSHIP RACE ON SATURDAY.

The Eighth Championship race for racing yachts was sailed at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club on Saturday afternoon over a course of 8.66 miles, commencing from Lyemun Beacon (P) to Ramsey Shoal (S), and Channel Rocks (S).

The Results.

The finished and corrected times are given below:

"Handicap" Class.

(Started 2.25 p.m.)		TIMES.	
		Finishing	Corrected
Bolla (8)	2:48.02	2:48.02	2:48.53
La Linda (4)	2:49.30	2:49.30	2:48.37
Diana (5)	2:51.41	2:51.41	2:48.28
Colleen (1)	2:50.43	2:50.43	2:42.47
Dorothea (2)	2:53.10	2:53.10	2:44.51
Norena	3:47.40	Scratch	Scratch

Points to date.

Bolla	42
Colleen	36
La Linda	28
Dorothea	25
Diana	24
Norena	—

"T" and "G" Classes.

(Started 2.30 p.m.)

		TIMES.	
		Finishing	Corrected
Daphne (2)	4:04.42	4:04.42	4:04.42
Halcyon (3)	4:07.04	4:07.04	4:07.44
Gael (1)	4:10.48	4:10.48	4:10.15

Points to date.

Daphne 53

Halcyon 51

Gael 36

"Y" Class.

(Started 2.35 p.m.)

		TIMES.	
		Finishing	Corrected
Wings (4)	4:10.37	4:10.37	Scratch
Blueose (1)	4:10.37	4:10.37	4:10.37
Boojum (2)	4:10.51	4:10.51	4:10.51
Speedwell (5)	4:27.52	4:27.52	4:27.52
Adanac (3)	4:12.15	4:12.15	4:12.15

Points to date.

Wings 67

Blueose

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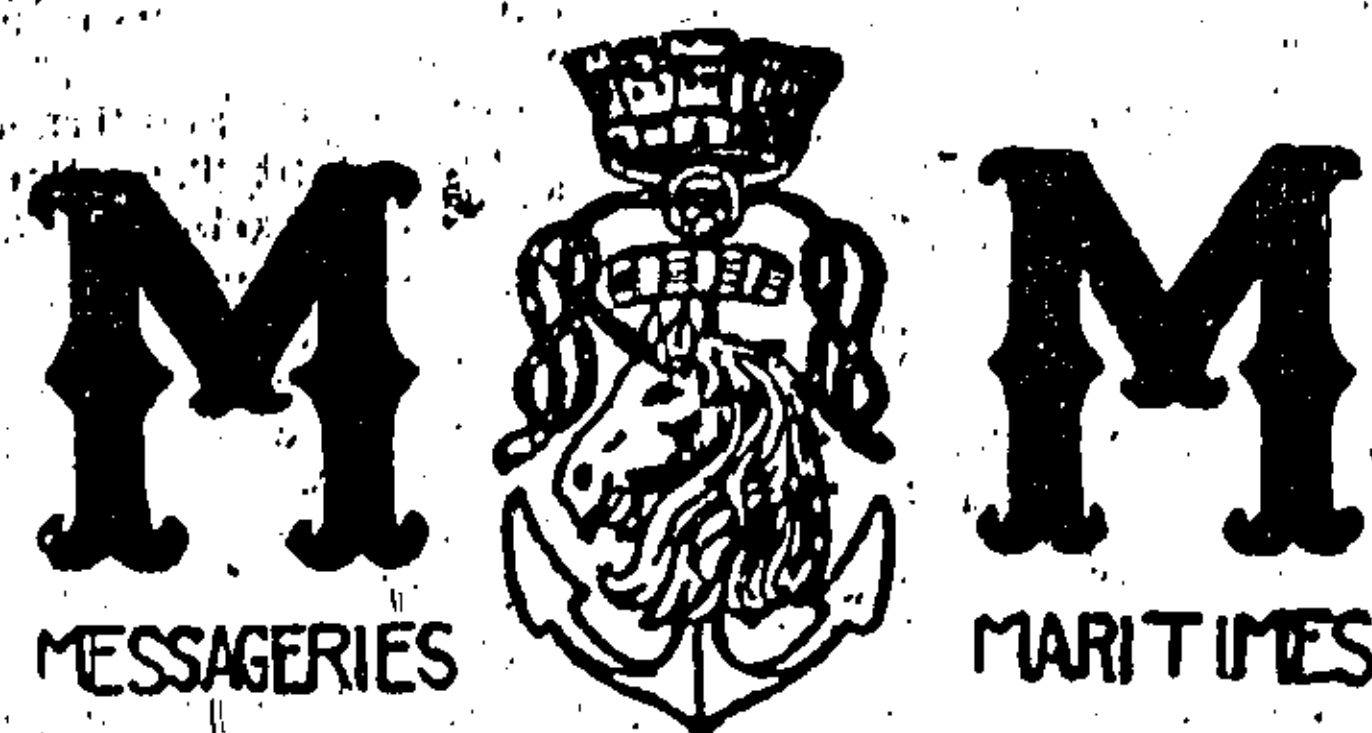
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SCOUT TRAINING CENTRE.

EFFORTS OF COMMISSIONER LAUDED AT OPENING.

INSPIRING ADDRESS.

In the handsome uniform of the Colony's Guide, Commissioner, Mrs. W. T. Southern, wife of the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, officially opened the new Scouts Officers' Training Camp at Saiwan Bay, on Saturday afternoon.

On her arrival, Mrs. Southern inspected the smart Guard of Honour which had formed up to await her. Following this inspection she saw the whole of the troops, which were massed for the occasion. Presentation of the Prince of Wales' Competition Banner was then made to the 6th Hongkong Troop, who won the trophy during the past year. The Ashen Tote Pole was then handed to the 4th Hongkong Wolf Cub Pack, after which warrants were presented to officers of the movement. Mr. C. Champkin, who will act as Deputy-Commissioner during the absence of Commissioner Waldegrave, and Scoutmaster Christian, were the recipients of the latter.

The Camp Fire.

If there was one thing at the camp which could not fail to impress the visitor, it was the huge camp fire which was built up for the occasion. This was arranged most systematically, and more than one guest must have thought how pleasant it would be to have a boy who could lay a fire so well. Lighting this pile, Mrs. Southern said:

"I light this fire as a symbol of the Spirit of Brotherhood and Self-Sacrifice, of Honest Endeavour and Kindly Service, the Spirit of Reverence of God, Man, kind, and Self, which should ever dwell in the hearts of us all, and especially of those who shall abide in these bounds."

The lighting of the fire was the signal for the firing of rockets and the hoisting of the Scouts' Flag to the top of the staff. The assembled scouts then sprang to the three-fingered Scout salute, and burst into cheers as the flames leaped out from the fire.

Mortgage to be Paid.

Reference was made to the mortgage, which must be met by the Association, on the Saiwan Bay site, in the Commissioner's address. The land, he said, was still there, but the mortgage was still there and they still needed money. He had received a contribution of £10 from a contingent of Japanese scouts passing through on their way back from the Jamboree at Arrowe Park, and he hoped that all the good friends of the Association would assist them.

Mrs. Southern's Address.

Mrs. Southern addressed the gathering as follows:

"When I received the invitation to open Saiwan Camp, I felt quite thrilled. It is a great honour for the Scouts to ask a Guide to inaugurate this beautiful meeting place, and it is but another sign of that friendly and co-operative spirit which exists here between ourselves and the 'Big Brother' organisation."

For this friendly spirit we owe a great deal to the unfailing kindness of your indefatigable Com-

missioner, Mr. Waldegrave—and I take this happy occasion to thank him and all of you for making me here to-day—for all your friendship in the past. May this bond lengthen and strengthen. (Applause.)

I once heard a Scout described as a person who endeavoured to make the world a pleasanter place for women to live in—but I should go further than that, and say that a Scout tries to make the world a pleasanter place for everyone to live in—and that endeavour should apply to Guides too. When I look round this delightful Camp to-day, my thoughts travel 10,000 miles to the Chief Scout and the Chief Guide, and I know how glad they would be to witness this scene—Friendship between the Scouts and Guides—and a new camp the meeting place. Nothing could be dearer to their hearts.

Visited Chief Scout.

The first time my husband and I went to stay with the Chief Scout at his lovely Hampshire home, Pax Hill, he was not there when we arrived, but about 7 o'clock he came back from Gillingham, that great Scout Camp—as fit and gay as a schoolboy. No one would have suspected him of over three score years and ten as he stood telling Lady Baden Powell and ourselves all the details of his day at the Camp—as fresh as if he had just started instead of having had a terrifically strenuous day. At last Lady Baden Powell said he looked as if he had caught cold—this he laughingly denied, and suddenly, seizing her by both hands, he whirled her round, and round—and when both stopped breathless he said that was a good way to get warm.

It is this spirit of perpetual youth that makes Scouting and Guiding so attractive. As we grow older we are apt to get into a groove—to lose our spirit of adventure—our day dreams. But in Scouting and Guiding we find them anew—and nowhere so readily as in the open country.

A modern poetess says: "Oh, you poor folk in cities A thousand, thousand pitiful!"

True, but then the vast majority of people have to dwell in cities to learn their lessons or to earn their daily bread.

But they can spend their spare time in outdoor, instead of indoor pleasures—and nowhere so well as in a camp like this. (Applause.)

Hongkong's Beauty.

I sometimes wonder if the dwellers in Hongkong realise their enormous privilege in living amid such amazing natural beauty. Where in the world can you find mountain and sea so magically combined? Do you realise that millions of our fellow creatures have never had the joy of seeing the sea? I am reminded of a friend of mine who took a party of very poor old women from a small town in the Midlands of England to the seaside for a day. Not one of them had ever seen the sea. The poorest and oldest of all gazed silently at the vast expanse of blue water and said: "Thank God—at last I've seen something of which there be enough and to spare." (Laughter.)

It is a very great privilege to be able to wander up hill and down dale—to study woodcraft—to learn the ways of birds and beasts—the names of flowers and trees. Nothing in the world can excel the delights you will get from Nature. Wordsworth says:

"Nature never did betray
The heart that loved her."

EGYPT'S PARLIAMENT.

RE-OPENED BY KING AMID POPULAR REJOICING.

Cairo, Jan. 11.
King Fuad opened the restored Egyptian Parliament amid enthusiastic popular scenes. The Premier, Nahas Pasha, read the speech from the throne wherein joy was expressed that the session would permit of the opening of a new era of understanding and fruitful friendship between Britain and the Egyptian Government.

The Premier said that the Government would gladly submit to Parliament the proposals to be presented to Britain, which had been dictated in a spirit of friendship, and when an agreement was reached it would be submitted for Parliamentary ratification, after which the Government would execute it in the same spirit in which it was negotiated. He also stated that the Government intended to construct new aerodromes in Alexandria and Cairo.—*Reuter.*

The Cotton Problem.

Cairo, Jan. 12.
The speech from the throne also stated that particular care should be bestowed on the cotton problem and the discovery of new varieties.

The Government proposed to introduce a law forbidding the mixing of cotton in ports and fixing the degree of humidity.—*Reuter.*

And you remember what the gipsy said to George Borrow—"There's the wind on the heath, brother, if I could only feel that I would gladly live for ever."

I can only wish that the peace and beauty and inspiration of Saiwan may be reflected in the hearts of all those who come here. You have scope for work and play—for the carrying out of practical work, and for the dreaming of dreams. May the influence of Saiwan penetrate far beyond these green and everlasting hills. (Loud applause.)

Address by Dr. Kotewall.

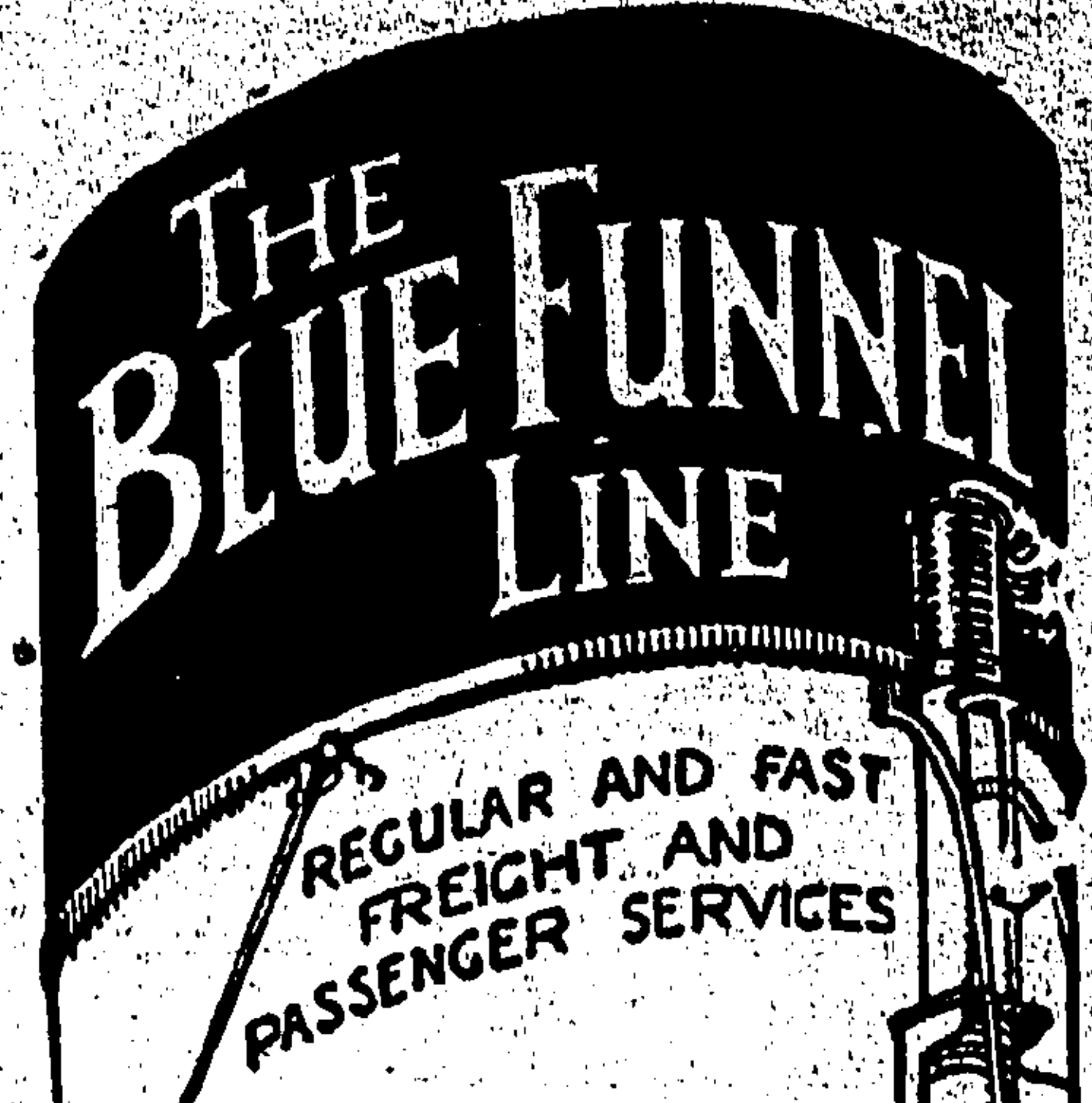
The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall said that it was a pleasant and easy task to propose a vote of thanks to Mrs. Southern, and referred to the gratitude that all must feel towards her for her efforts on behalf of the Scout movement. Another name which meant much to the Association was that of their hard-working Commissioner, who was leaving soon on a well earned holiday.

Of Sir Cecil and Lady Clement, Dr. Kotewall said that from the time of their arrival in the Colony they had closely identified themselves with the Scout movement, and it was to be regretted that they could not be with them at the opening of the camp. They would all wish them happiness in their new sphere in Malaya.

The last address was delivered by Mr. C. Champkin, the Deputy-Commissioner, who said that he had been associated with the Scout movement sufficiently long to appreciate the practical interest and sympathy of Mrs. Southern.

The Scout movement, he said, had an object in combating the evils of slackness and misdirected energy and, in doing so, spread the gospel of directed and useful effort.

Following the Deputy-Commissioner's address, the guests adjourned to the camp bungalow for a delightful tea.



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AMERICAN CRIME.**REPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION.**

Washington, Jan. 11.

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Rome, Jan. 11.

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The Pope declares that the Church has a divine mandate for the education of children, and says that education is the province of the family and the Church before the State.

He says that the State must avoid excesses where physical and military education is concerned and that the temporal power must not conflict with the spiritual. His Holiness opposes "pedagogic naturalism," especially sex-education and co-education and declares that the State must avoid harm caused by lay or neutral schools, no less than the harm caused by mixed schools in countries where different religions exist together.—*Reuter.*

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GENEVA JOKE.**SHEARER'S SECRET PAPER A COLOSSAL HOAX.**

New York, Jan. 11.

The sub-committee appointed by the Senate to investigate the activities of William B. Shearer at the Geneva Naval Conference was abruptly and comically ended by a statement by Dr. William Maloney that the secret document that Shearer attached such importance to was a forgery.

Dr. Maloney, who is an Edinburgh University graduate, and was wounded at Gallipoli, is now a flourishing New York nerve specialist. He alleges that he wrote the document as a joke and that half a million copies were distributed, the chief purchasers being Irish societies, who, for their own purposes, wished to regard it as genuine.

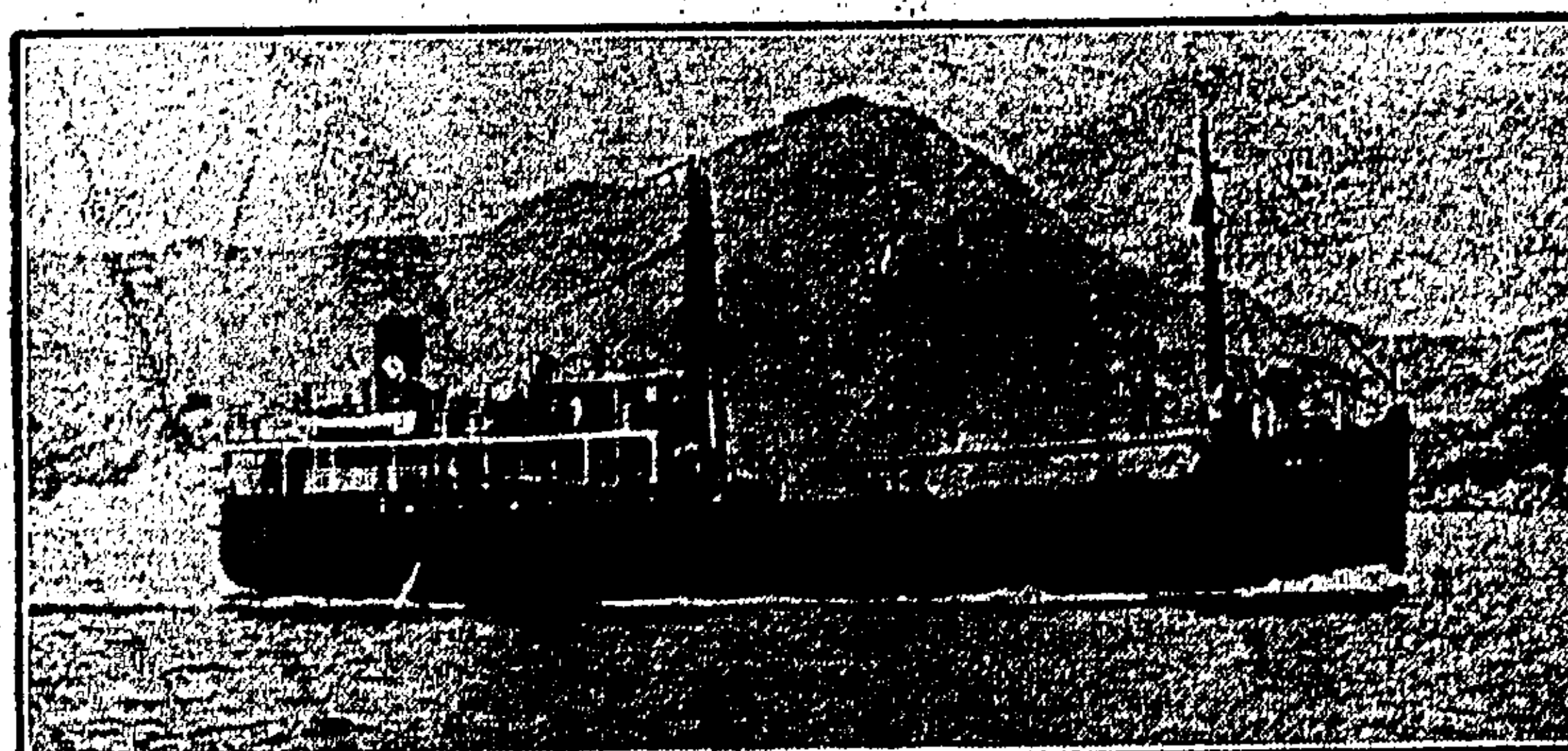
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JAPAN AND GOLD.**THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO.**

Tokyo, Jan. 11. The Minister of Finance, in a statement regarding the raising of the gold ban to-day gives reasons for dispelling the fears of those who consider that adverse effects are likely. He points out that the Government has taken adequate measures to prevent these fears from being realized.—*Reuter.*

Public Confidence.

Tokyo, Jan. 11. The release of the gold ban occupies the centre of attention, the vernacular papers and the general public hailing the removal and expressing confidence that the Government's careful preparations will ensure that the adverse effects will be reduced to the barest minimum. A small undercurrent of

STORM DISASTER.**TEN PEOPLE KILLED BY LIGHTNING FLASH.**

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 12. Ten people were instantly killed by a single flash of lightning in a terrific thunderstorm in the township of Assis, Sao Paulo state.—*Reuter's American Service.*

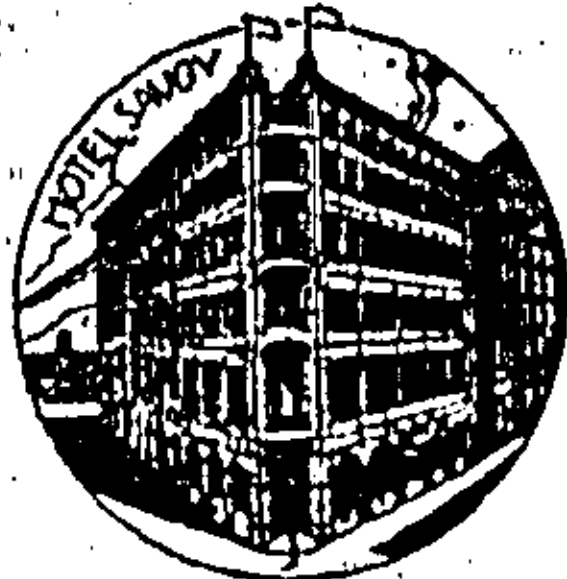
hostility is also noticeable, but this is mainly confined to politicians seeking to minimise the popularity which the Government has achieved by lifting the embargo. Strict precautions are being taken to prevent political and other wire-pullers with axes to grind spreading rumours calculated to rouse unfounded fears. The police last night seized a number of disquieting handbills which, apparently, were being circulated for this purpose.—*Reuter.*

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GERMAN PAYMENT AGREEMENT.

LAST ISSUE AT REPARATION
CONFERENCE SETTLED.

SNOWDEN'S REBUKE.

The Hague, Jan. 12.
Though they had resisted the
proposal on the ground that they
would lose heavily in interest, the
German delegation to the Repara-
tions Conference have agreed to
pay reparations under the Young
Plan in the middle of the month.

Compromises have been reached
on all other outstanding points
and it is expected that a draft pro-
posal of the Conference will be
drawn up and submitted to-mor-
row morning, thus terminating the
question of German reparations.

The happy conclusion was par-
tially achieved through the second
rebuke of the German delegation
by Mr. Philip Snowden.

"Potentialities," he said,
ought to settle things without
constantly referring to somebody
else."

Dr. Curtius immediately prom-
ised to submit concrete proposals by
Saturday night, and they were ac-
tually forthcoming within two
hours of Mr. Snowden's comment
on their dilly-dallying.

A Memorandum containing their
proposals on the three points still
at issue was presented and the
subsequent discussion removed
the last obstacle to complete set-
tlement.—*Reuter.*

EFFECT OF FALL IN THE DOLLAR.

(Continued from Page 1.)

ultimately, the low exchange
should be good for the Colony's
trade.

Inopportune.

(3) The Colony cannot possibly
stabilise her currency, until de-
finite steps have been taken in
this direction by China. Even the
introduction of a gold standard
would do no good while China
remains in a chaotic state politi-
cally.

(4) The Government would do
well to appoint an expert to advise
on the Colony's currency, but at
the present time, such an appoint-
ment would be inopportune. The
appointment should be made when
things have settled down.

ARMED ROBBERY AT KOWLOON CITY.

MEN WITH KNIVES TAKE
AWAY BOOTY.

Flourishing knives and uttering
threats of severe penalty if the re-
sisted them, three men entered the
hut of Chan Young, a spinster, in
Wo Leung village, Kowloon City, at
about 10 o'clock on Saturday night,
and stole articles to the total value
of \$433.

According to a statement made
by the woman to the police, she was
asleep in her room, when she was
awakened by a noise at her door.
She opened her eyes to find three
men, armed with knives, in the
room, whilst one of them carried
a bundle of furs. After threaten-
ing her, the men searched the place,
and decamped with money, jewellery
and clothing.

CHINESE WOMAN DROWNED.

FELL OFF ROCK WHILST
GATHERING SEAWEED.

Whilst gathering seaweed, a
tragedy befel a Chinese woman
yesterday, when she slipped off a
rock into the sea and was drowned.

According to a police report,
Yip Yau, aged 13, living in a hut
at Shukwan East, went to the
beach at Sai Wan yesterday
to pick seaweed. She was
accompanied by her sister-in-
law, Lau Mun-kam, aged
22, who slipped off a rock and sank
in the water. Her body was later
recovered near Barker's Bungalow,
(the site of the new Scouts' Train-
ing Camp) and was taken to the
Mortuary.

TAXI CONTROL IN NEW YORK.

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS
LAID DOWN.

New York, Jan. 12.
New dark grey uniforms, which
have been specially proscribed by
the Police Department and chosen
by the Chief of Police, Mr. Grover
Whalen, must henceforth be worn
by all of New York's 70,000
taxicab-drivers.

All taxis must conform to cer-
tain standard specifications, such
as four-wheel brakes, unsplinter-
able glass and red lights both
on the sides and chassis to indicate
when a cab is empty.—*Reuter's
American Service.*

PUBLIC MONEY VOTES.

TREASURY FRAUDS
RECALLED.

PURCHASE OF MOTOR CARS
FOR GOVT. HOUSE.

LOW DOLLAR EFFECTS.

Seven votes totalling \$31,523 are
to be considered by the Finance
Committee of the Legislative
Council at a meeting to be held
to-morrow morning. The items
are as follows:

\$1,000 for clothing and shoes for
Prison staff. This is due to the
price of drill ordered through the
Crown Agents being higher than
was anticipated and to the drop
in exchange.

\$30 for provision of high-speed
transmitting gear to meet deficit
on estimated amount. The addi-
tional sum is needed owing to the
lower rate of exchange.

Lower Exchange.

\$210 for duplication of storage
battery, to meet deficit on estimat-
ed amount. The Crown Agents' charges
have been received in connexion
with the purchase of this battery,
and owing to lower exchange this
supplementary vote is needed.

\$750 for 1/2-K.W. transmitter for
close range. This sum is also
needed owing to the lower rate of
exchange.

\$400 for electric light and fans
for the Police Force. The total
sum provided in Estimates and
supplementary vote is \$37,000, and
the total expenditure will be
\$37,400.

Carvalho Yeo Case.

\$9,027 for legal expenses incur-
red by the Crown Solicitors' Office.
It is explained that during
the year 1929 the Government
instituted proceedings—Original
Jurisdiction Action No. 35 of 1929
against the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation for
the re-crediting of certain sums
paid out by such bank on forged
cheques and debited to the Govern-
ment's current account with the
said bank.

Judgment was obtained for
such re-crediting, and taxed costs.
Taxed costs amounting to
\$16,371.37 have been received by
the Treasury. This sum is made
up of \$11,474.50 for disburse-
ments, counsels' fees and Court
fees, and \$4,896.87 solicitors' profit
costs, paid into the general
revenue of the Colony.

The Government's actual dis-
bursements exceeded the sum of
\$11,474.50 by \$9,043, which is not
recoverable.

Cars for Government House.

\$20,111 special expenditure for
purchase and conversion of motor
cars for Government House.

It is proposed to purchase the
following cars for use at Govern-
ment House:—One new Crossley
20.9 h.p. six-cylinder touring car
through Crown Agents at an
estimated cost of £375, and one
second hand Crossley 20.9 h.p. six-
cylinder saloon car from His
Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi for
£739.11.6 (which sum includes
£10.11.6 for spare parts).

It is also proposed to convert
Cubitt Car No. 683, at present
used by the railway garage, into
a light lorry for use at Govern-
ment House at a cost of £250.

The estimated cost of these pro-
posals is \$20,111 for which no
provision has been made in the
Estimates and a vote is, therefore,
requested.

The Secretary of State for the
Colonies has signified his
approval.

TO-DAY'S UNIVERSITY CONGREGATION.

SIR HENRY GOLLAN TO GET
DEGREE.

At this afternoon's Congrega-
tion at the Hongkong University,
Sir Henry Gollan (Chief Justice)
is to have conferred on him the
degree of Doctor of Laws, *Honoris
Causa.*

On the opening of the Congrega-
tion, the University Anthem
(composed by H.E. Sir Cecil
Clementi) will be sung by the
augmented choir of St. John's
Cathedral, following which H.E.
the Chancellor will confer the
degree of Sir Henry Gollan. Gradu-
ates in Medicine, Engineering
and Arts will then be presented,
to be followed by scholarship win-
ners. H.E. the Chancellor will
then address the Congregation.

The band of the K.O.S.B. will be
in attendance.

Entries for the annual tennis
tournaments arranged by the Hong-
kong Cricket Club close on Sat-
urday, January 18.

AN ANTI-FASCIST PLOT FEARED.

POLICE PRECAUTIONS AT
LEAGUE MEETING.

DELEGATES GUARDED.

Geneva, Jan. 12.

Elaborate police precautions
have been taken against possible
outrages on the eve of the meet-
ing of the League of Nations
Council.

Never before has there been
seen such vigilance, except possi-
bly on the occasion of the visit
of Russian representatives at a
League meeting some little time
ago.

The alarm on this occasion is
for the safety, chiefly, of the
Italian delegation. In view of
recent revelations of anti-Fascist
conspiracies, the greatest care
has to be taken to ensure the
safety of the various delegations
to the Council Meeting, particu-
larly of the Italian.

The police-stations at Geneva
have been reinforced by detach-
ments from other cantons.

Police and detectives are guard-
ing the hotel which is accom-
modating the Italian delegation
and also the League Secretariat.

Every movement of the dele-
gates will be closely watched over
by police officers, and it is no-
table that Mr. Arthur Henderson
and the British delegation were
met at the station and escorted to
their hotel by police yesterday
evening.—*Reuter.*

KIDNAPPED CHILD RECOVERED.

WOMAN GETS A YEAR'S
PRISON TERM.

An elderly Chinese woman liv-
ing in Parkes Street appeared be-
fore Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kow-
loon Magistracy this morning on
a charge of kidnapping a young
girl, and, alternatively, of harbour-
ing her against the consent of her
parents.

The defendant pleaded guilty to
the first charge.

According to Detective Sergeant
Fitches, a Chinese detective re-
ceived information that a girl in
the defendant's house was crying
and had apparently been kidnapp-
ed. The officer went to the place
and found the child, who stated
that the defendant was not her
mother. The parties were taken
to the Police Station and enquiries
instituted. It was found that the
girl had been kidnapped from Re-
clamation Street, having been
missed at 3 p.m. yesterday and
recovered five hours later.

Remarking that he nearly always
imposed the maximum penalty in
cases of child stealing, his Wor-
ship sentenced the defendant to
twelve months' imprisonment.

THEFT OF IRON BARS.

LADS DISCHARGED OWING
TO YOUTH.

In view of their youth, two
small boys, aged twelve and four-
teen, were given a warning by the
Kowloon Magistrate before whom
they were this morning charged
with larceny of a number of small
iron bars from a contractor's
yard in Nathan Road.

The defendants admitted that
they had picked up the iron from
outside the shed.

An elderly Chinese appeared
together with the boys on a charge
of aiding and abetting, but it was
stated that the only evidence
against him was the statement of
the boys that they had been told
by the man to steal the iron.

His Worship remarked that
unless the boys were discharged,
the case against the old man could
not be substantiated. The pro-
secution would also have to prove
that the man was present when the
iron was taken. He pointed out
that the boys were young and
suggested that the charge against
the old man should be withdrawn.

The prosecution agreed and the
man was discharged. After is-
suing a warning to the boys, his
Worship discharged them with a
caution.

Mr. E. M. Gull, formerly Secre-
tary of the Associated British
Chambers of Commerce in China
and Hongkong, and now Joint
Secretary in London of the China
Association and China Committees,
is shortly revisiting China. Mr.
Gull, who has recently been appoint-
ed Hon. Adviser on China affairs
to the Federation of British In-
dustries, is expected to reach
Hongkong, where he will spend
some little time, early February.

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